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# GLAAD co-chair's past leadership questioned

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento -- In a situation reminiscent of last year's Lynn Griffis case in San Francisco, it was revealed earlier this month that Rev. John Rodgers, co-chair of GLAAD/Sacramento is not an ordained Methodist minister and has not attended theological seminary as he has claimed.

Despite serious questions about Rodgers' credentials and his apparent untruths about those credentials in the past -- his leadership role has yet to be questioned by either GLAAD/Sacramento or national GLAAD. Rodgers had a major role in establishing GLAAD/Sacramento's strategy in visiting the Sacramento Union, a daily newspaper which has made repeated homophobic attacks on the gay and lesbian community and the AIDS community and its funding.

In the past, Rodgers had been active as a volunteer minister at Metropolitan Community Church until March of 1989 when his credentials were investigated. Rev. Elder Freda Smith said, "Ed Sherriff was the one who did the investigation. I know he talked to the Methodist district superintendent and he talked to the church where he (Rodgers) worked as a youth worker. John came to us claiming credentials and it turned out he didn't have them and that's how come he left."

Rev. Ed Sherriff, district superintendent of M.C.C., recalled the Griffis case and said "this kind of thing has got to stop. We can't have people in positions of leadership who do this kind of thing. This is a very unfortunate incident. John could be of great service in church work -- he has a talent for it -- but on the other hand our community can't endorse its leaders based on false information. John has been working hard in the community but he has a tremendous credibility problem with things that he says -- a lot of the things he says and the claims he makes just don't add up. The community and the leadership have to be more careful about things like this."

An informed source provided MGW with letters allegedly written by Rodgers. In one, a letter of apology written to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Community Church on April 12, 1989, Rodgers admits he takes "simple true things and stretch them out to build myself up to something big. I have attended schools throughout central valley and corrisponded [sic] with other but never graduated from any of them." In a letter to a church leader dated June 6, 1989, Rodgers says he has changed his name to "John Andrew," and states "I let and allow others mostly friends and family and other I respect control my life and what I do. Because of this I feel compeled [sic] to become things I am not."

In another letter to the church leader dated July 26, 1989, Rodgers relates that the church he is attending is "only one block from the mecca of the Gay Community. I have talked with the Associate Pastor and suggested ways to get into the community. The church is the First United Methodist Church. The Associate Pastor wants me to get back involved with UMC and get back into the candidacy for ministry." In a recent interview with First United Methodist Church, the Associate Pastor, Andrea Winchester, she states, "As far as I know I've never talked to this person. As far as my suggesting a candidacy for the ministry that, too, is patently untrue." Rodgers has not responded to repeated calls to establish his side of these issues.

Rev. John Sublett of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church was the pastor of a Methodist Church in Loomis where Rodgers was a youth worker. Sublett said, "Rodgers has claimed he is a Methodist minister and that he was "unfrocked" because he is gay. That's just not true. He's not and never has been a Methodist minister so he couldn't have been unfrocked. John has serious problems and I believe that any organization which has him as its leader is doomed."

Rodgers has since surfaced with his own church called the Christian Community Church which, until recently, held services at Sacramento's Lambda Community Center. Recently, he moved the church to his home at 1117 23rd Street and is allegedly seeking 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. According to a local Certified Public Accountant, "application for exempt status does not lend credentials or credibility to any organization. I.R.S. is not looking for whether you are credentialed, they're looking at whether you qualify for their criteria -- which is how your organization raises money for non-taxable purposes. Exempt status does not in any way substantiate that person's credibility or what they're doing."

However, the District Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division said, "There's no law against starting a church and claiming to be a minister. Look at the Universal Life Church and several others around California. That's an example of constitutional freedom. If none of the religions suit you, you can start your own." Another attorney said, "Anyone can be a self-proclaimed minister, however, claiming credentials could be another story if a complaint is made and fraud is involved. It depends on a lot of factors and especially on intent."

Rev. Jerry Sloan of Lambda Community Fund said, "This is a sad thing but it is a problem that exists in many communities. It's of special concern in our community because we are in such desperate need of workers and people to take responsible roles in our organizations. If you're not who you say you are then we (the community) can't become what it should be and both the organization and the community are not served. If you are not who you say you are then how can you represent the interests of the community in a way that everyone can trust? This is especially true in activist organizations which must interact with the non-gay community. We need to be scrupulous in our interactions and in our cause."

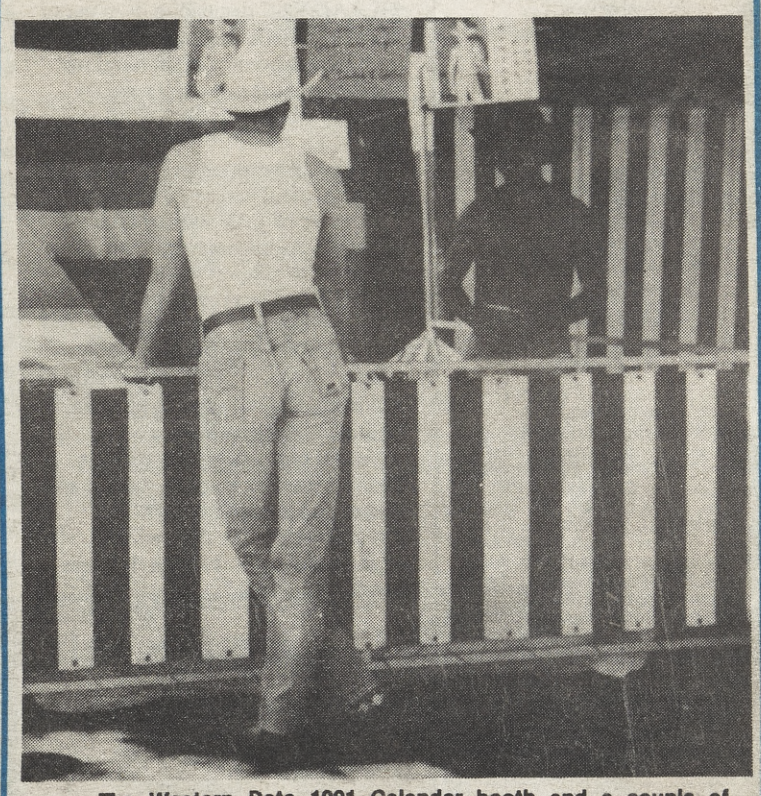
Craig Davidson, national chair of GLAAD, said, "We have a policy that local matters are in fact local matters and I assume that if the facts become known and they are objectionable enough the local chapter and the local community will take care of the problem. I would urge caution, however, about linking a problem with one person and some policy in another area that somebody happens to disagree with -- unless there's a clear linkage. People can differ about what GLAAD's policy with respect to any particular newspaper should be and I would urge not making the connection that because somebody didn't like the policy that GLAAD as an organization took -- that the way to fight against that is to focus on individuals." Davidson stated that there is no link between the two issues and often stressed during the interview that usually complaints that he hears about chapters are policy differences between "the old guard and the new guard." When questioned about Rodgers, GLAAD/Sacramento co-chair Tammy Smith said only, "No comment."

Mary Smith, former media chair of GLAAD/Sacramento and a GLAAD member, said, "I think John Rodgers used his position as a minister in terms of establishing credibility and establishing himself as a person with integrity. It never occurred to me to question that he wasn't a real minister -- he was always wearing that collar. But I did have problems with his confrontational manner and his anger. I've always thought that a minister would have mediation skills. I'm not really clear on how he became co-chair but I've been concerned about the direction the group has been taking for a long time. I've felt that we're supposed to have real co-chairs -- not czars and czarinas. There are a lot of organizational problems that go beyond just John and Tammy that need to be addressed -- and soon. We should probably have continued as an ad-hoc group for awhile until the group and the leaders had more experience. I really don't think it's wise for national GLAAD to just grant charters to groups until they have some kind of track record and show that they have some political savvy and responsibility. I hope that an advisory board meeting will be a step in the right direction. I'm sure that an advisory board meeting wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for the kind of press their activities generated."

Community activist Lou Camera said, "It's probably a good thing for something like this to happen. We need to police our own organizations with our own media. We have to establish that in no way does someone like this speak for the gay and lesbian community and we can't support organizations which would follow someone like that."

To date no formal question has arisen and therefore, no decision has been made regarding Rodgers' continued involvement with GLAAD/Sacramento.

At press time, a number of community leaders were expected to meet with GLAAD/Sacramento, to assist the group in establishing focus and credibility in dealing with the media.■



▲ The Western Date 1991 Calendar booth and a couple of cowboys. Photo by Raoul Renard

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▼ The Sacramento Men's Chorus booth sold tickets for the Western Dance on Sept. 22 and the Hellfire Halloween Ball. Photo by Raoul Renard

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# MGW WRITE

## Where is accountability?

**Dear Editor:**

I am grateful that M.R. Richards wrote the article discussing the controversy surrounding GLAAD/SAC, ACT-UP, and the Sacramento Union boycott fiasco. The boycott was a great idea and one the entire lesbian and gay community could support. I am very disappointed that GLAAD/SAC decided to drop out of the effort, believing instead that somehow a homophobic, religious fundamentalist newspaper would actually work with them. (Get real, people.)

Many hardworking people devote their time and resources to further the causes of gays and lesbians through various organizations. They deserve our support and thanks for those efforts. However, there is a certain amount of accountability and responsibility that has to go along with positions of leadership. Without accountability we are engaging in political masturbation.

We can turn this negative into a positive only by learning from it and addressing the environment and circumstances that allowed this situation to occur. I sincerely hope we do so.

*Mary Smith*

## Educating the Sacramento Union

**Dear Editor:**

In response to the article "Newspaper boycott stalls," I would like to commend GLAAD for being the first gay organization in this city to meet with the Sacramento Union. It seems that a very few people expected a 40 minute meeting to change the philosophy of the Sacramento Union. I believe GLAAD realized they were not going to change Joseph Farah's mind. But the main focus of GLAAD is to educate. That was what they tried to do. Joseph Farah stated "I don't think they changed my mind ..." That could be a start.

Even if the Sacramento Union never changes, doesn't it seem obvious that GLAAD needs to build a case against the Union and show that they at least tried? Boycotts (if done correctly) are not something one just prints up flyers about. It is a calculated process that does take time. I was surprised to see so many inaccuracies in M.R. Richards' article. She obviously does not have the facts. She self-admitted leaking the story about an ACT-UP members' desire to "throttle" a GLAAD member to the Union. The Union supposedly changed the story to it actually happening. It never did occur, but, why is M.R. Richards' sharing such information with the Union?

*Robb Drury*

(Editor's note: Robb Drury was one of the GLAAD members that attended the meeting with the Union.)

## Organization not doing its job

**Dear Editor:**

In response to your article "Newspaper boycott stalls," I am pleased to see you have writers who are not afraid to report facts even if these facts seem unfavorable to our local support organizations. GLAAD is extremely important to our community but it appears they are not doing their job.

Articles that have appeared in the Union after GLAAD's executive committee met with Joseph Farah have been as vicious and degrading and full of lies as their previous activities.

I feel I have been "sold out."

*Joanna Cassese*

## Results from Lambda Letters Projects

**Dear Editor:**

Many of you submitted very interesting ideas for fund raisers last month. Thanks for your ideas. We will review them and come up with some fun and, hopefully, profitable activities.

At the end of September, we will be selling Entertainment 91 books for $35 each with $7 of that going to Lambda Letters. These books contain hundreds of two-for-one coupon offers from restaurants, movies, sports events, and discounts on travel and hotels. If you would like to purchase one call 965-6851. Order them for your friends too. We will call you to arrange for delivery of your order.

We do need funds. If you can send us a contribution, that would certainly help. Since we do lobbying, we cannot offer you a tax deduction for your contribution.

Last month many of you sent letters to Congress about an FBI agent, Frank Buttino who they are trying to fire because he is gay. We sent 110 letters to Congress asking that members of Congress intervene with the FBI on his behalf. Congress Member Matsui agreed to write to the FBI and we expect Barbara Boxer to do the same.

Many of you wrote last spring in support of federal legislation to provide massive disaster relief funding to cities whose health budgets are heavily impacted by AIDS. We're happy to report the president signed this legislation in mid August.

AB 2700 would require judges to consider a history of spousal abuse when making decisions about child custody and visitation rights. It's a cliff hanger at this time. We've sent over 80 letters to the governor in support of AB 2700 but he has not yet announced whether or not he will sign it.

Keep those letters coming, and, if you can, send us a contribution.

*Boyce Hinman*
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## Against animal abuse

**Dear Editor:**

I am very disappointed to see that the gay newspaper in town support both Circus Vargas and Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. I would hope that the gay community here had a little more awareness of what circuses are really like for the animals that perform in them.

What are they really like? Well for starters how would you like to be chained by our legs 24 hours a day, and only let out of these chains when you did tricks for people? And when you didn't perform properly you can look forward to being beaten and clawed at with sticks and hooks. That's what it is like to be an elephant in a circus. Elephant's skin is very sensitive and scars easily. Next time you are at the circus ... if you still decide to support them ... take a close look at the elephants' faces ... you will see all kinds of marks from bullhooks. They also rock constantly in frustration because they cannot do anything else.

The gay community should know about fighting archaic attitudes regarding human rights ... how about extending that compassion to all living things? Stop supporting the abusers ... and maybe animals can just be animals instead of suffering creatures existing for our amusement ... just as we would like to be gay and not have to suffer for it.

If you or your kids want to see animals that are happy but don't do tricks, there is a very nice organization in Galt called the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). They have two African Elephants and lions, bears, cougars and leopards and a very communicative baboon. They are a shelter for abused and abandoned exotic roadshow animals and they have open houses for the public throughout the year. For information on PAWS or about circuses ... write PAWS, Box 842, Galt, CA 95632.

*Janice Clark*

## Project 10 needs donations

**Dear Editor:**

It's hard to believe that PROJECT 10 is over six years old. Begun at Fairfax High School in 1984 as a response to the urgent needs of lesbian and gay children in the educational system, PROJECT 10 has become a model counseling program for Los Angeles and other school districts both in California and throughout the nation. Our message of validation for adolescent lesbians and gays as good and healthy persons worthy of dignity and respect is being heard by an ever increasing number of people.

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PROJECT 10 continues to be attacked by the right wing religious and political bigots, most notably by Rev. Lou Sheldon, Congressman William Dannemeyer and of course Senator Jesse Helms. Nevertheless, news coverage is generally favorable, and inquiries about PROJECT 10 continue to pour in from all over the United States.

We ask for your continued support to expand this valuable program. Your dollars help us send our handbook and video to other school districts and thus carry the message of PROJECT 10 throughout the country. Please respond generously.

*Virginia Uribe, PhD*
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## More support of Millers Beer

*(The following letter was sent to Bob Stahl, Golden Brands Beverage Distributors, S.F.)*

**Dear Bob:**

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Tavern Guild of San Francisco Inc., Board of Directors has unanimously voted to support Golden Brands Beverage Distributors and Miller Brewing Company of San Francisco, as they have been and have stated they will continue to support the lesbian and gay community of San Francisco.

This recommendation of support was voted on by the general membership of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco Inc. at our meeting on Tuesday, July 24 and passed enthusiastically by the quorum of membership present.

In the future this recommendation may be used as part of your efforts to clarify your position concerning charitable contributions and support towards the lesbian and gay community and our position in these matters.

*Stanley W. Boyd, President*

## Say "Hi" to all our friends

**Dear Editor:**

Karen (Kwong) and I want to thank you for your foresight in sending us MGW. It has meant a lot to us to hear how our friends are doing. We read MGW from cover-to-cover as soon as it arrives.

We love Santa Fe. It is gorgeous country. The fact that the city is 25 percent gay makes the scenery even nicer. Despite that fact, we have no gay newspaper (are there any journalist types out there that would consider moving to Goddess country?).

Karen (Kwong) has already established herself as a massage therapist. I am working with an AIDS agency and building my private therapy practice.

We miss many wonderful people in Sacramento, but we feel this move was very right for us.

Please send our love to our friends.

*The Karens -- Myers & Kwong*

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## Thank you for coverage

**Dear Editor:**

Thanks so much for the photo coverage on my recent exhibit in Honolulu. I appreciate being remembered in 'ol Sacramento. By the way, never was a nurse -- but have worked for 15 years in the health care industry.

Mahalo and aloha

*Jan-Michelle Sawyer*

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## Where was coverage of Gay Games?

*(The following letter was sent to Matthew S. Wilson, Managing Editor, San Francisco Chronicle).*

**Dear Mr. Wilson:**

Why was there no coverage in the Chronicle of the Gay Games in Vancouver? This was the largest athletic event of its kind this year anywhere. 700 people from San Francisco alone competed. Almost 9,000 athletes from around the world were there. Yet I am told you carried NOTHING about this event! You sent no reporters, and you did not even print Associated Press releases which other papers did use!

Your outrageous and discriminatory negligence is inexcusable; and it will never be forgotten.

*Glenn Rice*

## Thank you for review

**Dear Editor:**

Thank you for the review by Laura Enright (in MGW) of my Naiad book, "Wilderness Trek." So nice to be appreciated. Perceptive of you to notice the "inner journey" aspect of my work. That, along with "unrealistic expectations" is the theme of all my novels.

"Murder at Red Rock Ranch" should be on the shelves by the time you read this. I think this one will roll without training wheels (more of a plot...)

Keep up the good work. It's reviews like yours that keep my engine running.

*Dorothy I. Toopes*

(P.S.: Work in progress is "The Hallelujah Murders," coming from La Grier in May '91. Stay tuned.)

## Employer shows support

**Dear Editor:**

As many of you know, I've never been one to shy away from controversy. And when a business or organization shows homophobic bias, I'm one of the first to call for a boycott. This time, however, I'm asking for your help in something entirely different.

Two weeks ago I fell ill with a condition related to HIV. At that time I had been working at my new job for only 10 days. When I called my manager and explained why I was ill I didn't know what to expect. Much to my surprise, my manager was incredibly supportive. I was told not to worry about my job, to take all the time I needed to get well, and that when I felt able to return to work, my job would be there. My manager went on to offer his personal support, giving me his home phone number, and telling me I was welcome in his home any time.

I'm asking you to help me thank him by sending letters of support to: Michael Owens -- Store Manager, Video Concepts, 6079 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95823.

It's encouraging to find one of those truly "Good People." Please help me by dropping Mike a note.

*Everett Denman*

MGW **EDITORIAL**

# Time to move on

I have taken a broadcasting position with KRAK radio, so I will be leaving Mom Guess What Newspaper.

It has been a wonderful time here at MGW. At times it has been wonderfully frustrating and angering, but it has also been so challenging and rewarding. But like all good things, the time of Jim Walker as managing editor of MGW has come to an end.

Sometimes I wish there could be 30 hours in a day so I could do everything I want to do, but because there are not, we must chose what is most important for us. My choice is to concentrate on what I enjoy more than anything else in the world -- broadcasting.

I will not, however, forget the valuable experience gained at MGW. I can no longer devote the time required to maintain the quality I feel necessary.

I am sure going to miss seeing my other mother, Linda Birner, everyday. I leave the office with only the warmest feelings for her. I know we will continue to be the best of friends.

My other, other Mom, Office Manager/Typesetter, Cheryl Strickland, will also be missed. We sure shared some great laughs and pains together. I know we also will continue to be the best of friends.

The same for Robin O'Grady -- thanks for being a good friend.

I will also miss those of you who have dedicated years to MGW's cause by writing a column or story every issue. It is so refreshing to see solid commitment when there seems to be so little of it around.

Recently someone asked me if I was concerned about being so "out" in the field I am pursuing. When I think about it, I've really never thought I was "out" or "closeted." It has always just been the truth. Not to say there haven't been times when I've been scared about the truth, but I've learned to trust myself and believe in the power of the truth.

Thanks for reading me all this time.

*--Jim Walker*

## Corrections...

--Senator David Roberti is from Los Angeles, not San Francisco, as stated in the August 1 issue of Mom Guess What Newspaper.

--We are repeating the Gay Games special photo spread because a majority of the photo credits were incorrect. We apologize to our photographers for the inaccuracies.

--We also would like to apologize to the CAP/PAC Board for printing quotes regarding the endorsement process that were said in confidence.


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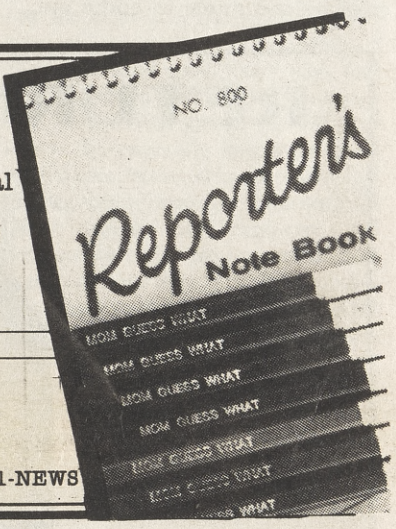


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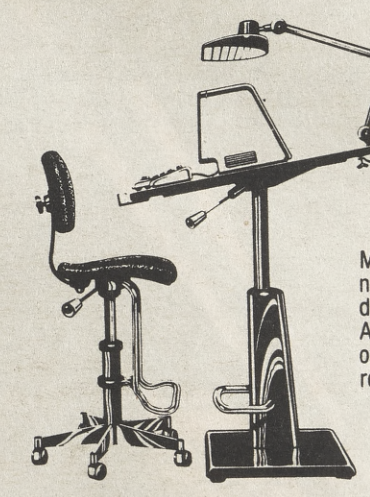

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## MGW LOCAL NEWS

# Lambda Community Center celebrates anniversary

After years of dreaming and several aborted attempts by community organizations, the Lambda Community Fund opened the doors of the Lambda Community Center on August 1, 1986. Since then the Lambda Center has become a focal point for many activities and programs.

Shortly after it opened the Reverend Jerry Sloan, president of the Board of Directors, settled his famous lawsuit with the Reverend Jerry Falwell and some of the money bought chairs, ceiling fans and plants for the Center. One of the favorite conversation pieces for newcomers to the Center is the Jerry Falwell Room.

Over the years the Center has been used by most of the gay and lesbian organizations in town for some function. Each day people stop off to pick up their favorite paper, check the bulletin board for some upcoming event or for an apartment or roommate.

For over three years the Center has sponsored rap groups for women and youth. These groups have helped many to come out, receive support in time of need, make friends, and provide social occasions.

The newest program of the Center is the Lambda Players Theatre Troup which presents the best of lesbian/gay theatre. This program is growing and is planning to go on the road soon with some of its productions.

To celebrate this milestone in the life of the Center and the Sacramento lesbian/gay community, the Board of Directors and the staff on Saturday, September 1 held a High Tea for members of the 800 Club and volunteers of Center programs. 800 Club members are people who give monthly or annual financial support to the Center.

On Sunday, September 2, in conjunction with the Rainbow Festival, the Center held an open house for the general public.

For the open houe, the Center also had as display the official archives of the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators. ■

# Wanted: Outstanding people in Sacramento

Who would you like to see recognized for their contributions to Sacramento's lesbian and gay community in the areas of political involvement, humanitarianism, leadership, cultural/art/entertainment, fund raising and organizations?

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) is seeking nominations for its annual Lambda Community Awards to be presented at the Lambda Awards Dinner at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 25 in the El Dorado Room of the Sacramento Community Center.

To nominate an individual or organization, provide a brief description of the work or activities of the nominee and mail it to RCDC/Lambda Awards, Box 161958, Sacramento, CA 95816. All nominations must be received by September 30. Past recipients of the Awards have been from the fields of education, business, politics, health and community service.

For more information, contact Michael Varacalli at 447-0661.■

## MGW HAPPENINGS

### Funds dispersements disclosed

Empress Vannah Woolsey-What (Hal Griffith) announced the dispersement of funds raised for charities in the first quarter of her reign. A total of $720 was evenly divided among CARES, SAF Client Services Fund and WEAVE. The award checks were given away at the Grand Ducal Candidate's night at Joseph's Town & Country.

The candidates also announced their total fundraising efforts during the campaign season. The amounts were: Cher -- $171; Racine -- $184; Danielle -- $450; and Gene -- $593. The total amount ($1,398) was donated by the candidates to WEAVE, SAF Client Services Fund, Hope House, and The Stop AIDS Project.

### "Burn This" opens September 14

The Offstage Theater Company is presenting "Burn This" by Lanford Wilson on September 14, 15, 21, 22, 29, 30 and October 5 and 6. Hours are Friday and Saturday at 8pm, with a 2pm Sunday matinee on September 30.

Lanford Wilson is one of America's greatest living playwrights. Jack Kroll of Newsweek said, "'Burn This' is neither a straight play nor a gay one (or perhaps it's the first play that's truly both straight and gay).'"

Tickets are $8 general/$6 for students and seniors. The theater is located at 4623 T Street. For reservations call 452-2032.

### Open Road to perform benefit concert

Open Road, a local country-western duo, will give a benefit concert Saturday, October 6, to raise money for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand to Hand program.

Jim Ralston, 34, and Steven Van Dyke, 29, have performed at the Freedom Day Celebration in San Francisco, Gay Pride Day at Sacramento, River City Democratic Club, and Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities. Their repertoire includes original songs such as "Short Stack" and "Look at Daddy," as well as music by George Strait, k.d. lang, and Randy Travis.

The concert will be held at the Sierra Two Center for the Arts and the Community at 2791 24th Street. Tickets are $10. For information or tickets, call 448-2437.

### Lambda Players open second season with hit comedy

The Lambda Players opens its second season with the hilarious John Glines comedy "On Tina Tuna Walk." Midsummer's eve is upon us and love is in the

*See **Happenings** on page 8*


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# U.C. groups form statewide network

by Ken Thompson
OF MGW STAFF

Two systemwide conferences were held in Southern California during the summer to discuss the concerns of the UC lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Members from all nine University of California campuses participated in the weekend conferences, including GAYLA from UCLA, the Network and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Lesbian and Gay Community.

The conferences were a great success, and those in attendance agreed that a milestone had been reached in developing a strong and effective lesbian, gay and bisexual presence within the UC community.

During the conference, the days were devoted to small group workshops, or roundtable discussions on the following topics: ROTC discriminatory practices, including the exclusion of the physically disabled; establishment of Lesbian and Gay Programs; establishment of Chancellor's Advisory Committee on each campus and a similar advisory group for the Office of the President; and equal access to student housing for lesbian and gay couples, as well as benefits and health insurance.

At the conference, the first on May 26, at UC Santa Barbara and the second which was held on August 25 on the campus of UC Irvine in Long Beach, the participants voted to establish a systemwide group to be known as ULGBA -- University-wide Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Association -- to link lesbian, gay, and bisexual students, faculty and staff organizations on each campus and to coordinate efforts on issues that require university-wide response.

There was discussion of various activities, past and future, to be held at various campuses around the state. Also discussed was the next conference which is to be held in Northern California. The conference is scheduled to be held during the weekend of November 16, 17 and 18 on the campus of UC Davis. If you are interested in attending, or you would like more information about either the conference, or the UCLGBA, please contact BGLAD of Davis at 916-753-2090.■

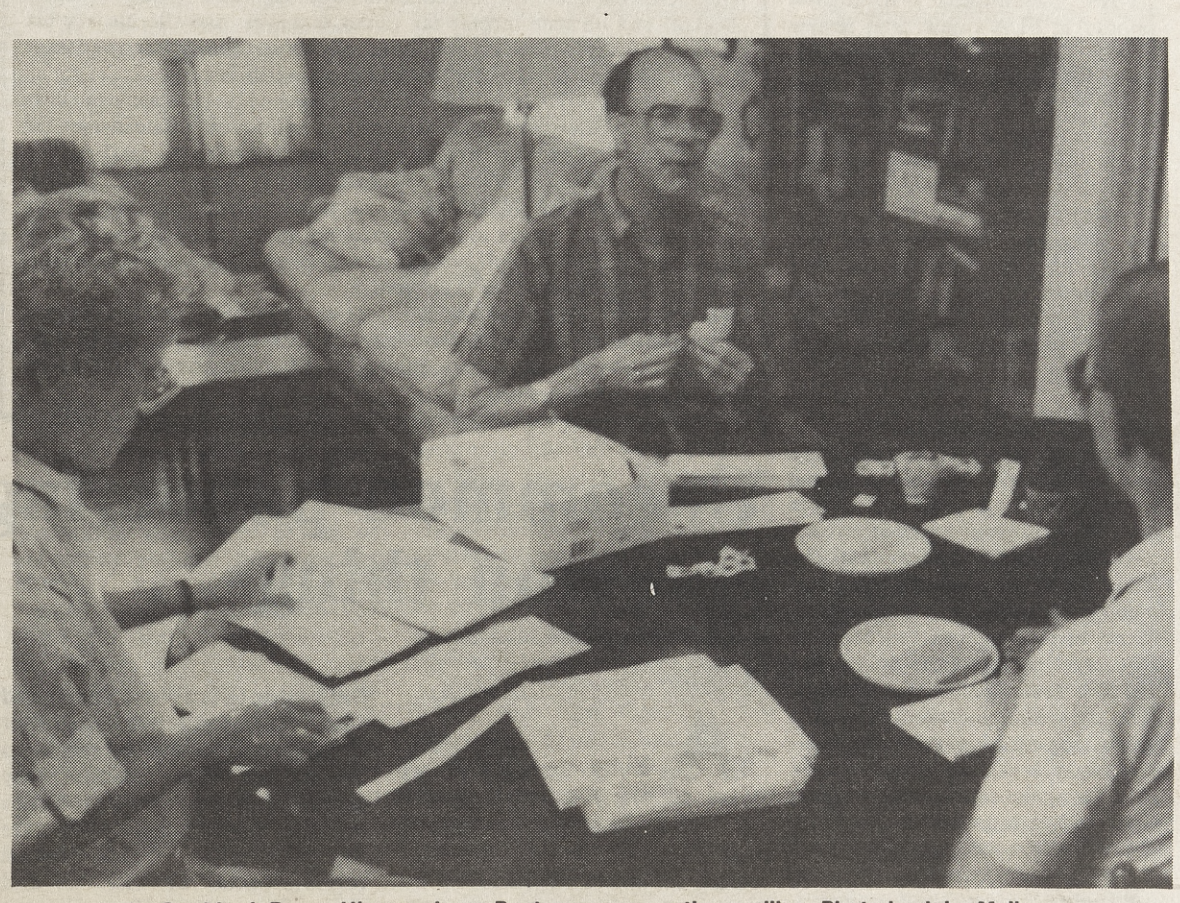
## Kiss-ins not your bag?

# Lambda Letters offers more ways to skin a fatcat

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

For gay and lesbian Sacramentans concerned about our issues, women's issues and HIV/AIDS issues, but with little time to get involved politically, you now have an opportunity to add your voice to hundreds of other activists from the comfort of your writing table. Lambda Letters, the creation of Boyce Hinman, has been recognized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force as one of the most effective local organizations for getting constituent impact into the California Legislature. Like the nationwide Human Rights Campaign Fund and 20/20 Vision which lobby with phone calls, telegrams or letters, Lambda Letters keeps you abreast of issues monthly. They provide a legislative tip sheet and sample letter on the three areas mentioned above. You can compose your own letter or simply sign the sample. Some people take generic letters along with them to their other community activities. The letters are collected for the purpose of record keeping to monitor their impact.

How can that impact be measured? It's more a matter of implication when one considers all the pressures brought to bear on legislation. It is estimated that more than half of state legislator's Capitol offices do mail tracking, the heaviest being the leadership offices. Former Assemblyman Art Agnos complained that he never got enough mail on his anti-discrimination bill AB1, which he re-introduced several times during a decade of effort. Hinman feels that letters offer a sustained and broad-based effort at getting the message out. Among the issues he's seen successes which received 80-100 Lambda Letters:



Kim Stoddard, Boyce Hinman, Larry Beaty prepare another mailing. Photo by John Mello

- Federal Hate Crimes Act, which Senator Pete Wilson spoke out in support of and agreed to cosponsor
- Congressmen Matsui and Fazio both took specific action when women Marines were charged as lesbians, urging public hearings on the report of the House Armed Services Committee
- Twenty-four congressmen wrote to the Dept. of Defense asking that the ROTC drop its demand that Robert Holobaugh pay back his scholarship
- Letters were also collected to send to CBS during the Andy Rooney affair.

Lambda Letters also provide the ability to appeal to public officials regardless of party affiliation. It offers education and a new direct voice in government to the ordinary citizens in our community; 1700 letters were collected last year, with over 2500 to date this year, which leads Hinman to expect over 5000 for 1990. "This demonstrates that we can build a substantial organization here," he affirms. Two auctions have netted over $2250, twice the expectation. The organization, totally volunteer, can boast 12 staff members and 230 letter writers.

Hinman, who has been in California since 1970, has been advocating for gay and lesbian state employees since the late 70s. He claims discrimination still exists in state service in the more conservative departments (Corrections, Forestry, Parks; in spite of Governor Jerry Brown's landmark Executive Order B-5479). He and his partner, Larry Beaty, were the targets of 50-60 incidents of bias-motivated threats and vandalism for the first four years they lived in Carmichael. They had enough evidence to prosecute and the Sacramento County Human Rights Commission published a statement from 12 ministers condemning the incidents at the time. Lambda Letters was started by them in 1988.

Hinman would like to share with us, "It's important that more of us 'Just Say No' to discrimination. Take the risk of being out ... live in peace. Life has been healthier and happier as a result."

Lambda Letters needs legislative analysts, a fundraising chair, and signature gatherers. Volunteers may write to 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael 95608 or call 965-6851.■

### Help Lambda Letters by writing

**Legislation Tip Sheet**

Please write to Governor Deukmejian urging him to support, and sign AB 3459. We encourage you to compose your own letter, because personal letters are more effective.

Bill No: AB 3459

Author: Assembly Member Terry B. Friedman

Bill title: None

Bill summary: creates a licensure category of residential care facilities for people with chronic, life threatening illness. Each licensed facility would be required to provide residential care; such as room, food, personal care services, case management, and psychosocial support to its residents, and to contract with licensed home health agencies and other providers to offer medical care for the residents.

**Possible Points to Make**

Many HIV positive people are too poor or too sick to maintain their own homes. Often, they end up on the streets. This contributes to a poor image for our cities.

The only current alternatives are nursing homes, acute care hospitals, or congregate living health facilities. All these provide more intensive, more expensive medical care than is often needed. State and local government pays for much of this unneeded medical care. AB 3459 would get people off the streets, by providing long term residential care, but would save money by offering medical care only when needed.

Many state and local health care systems are near collapse because of the sheer workload they face. The "medical care only as needed" feature of AB 3459 should greatly improve this situation.

Practice makes perfect. Specialization contributes to expertise. Licensing residences for the exclusive care of these persons will enhance the skills and improve the efficiency of those who serve these persons. It increases the quality of care and cuts costs at the same time.

AB 3459 makes medical, fiscal, and moral sense. It provides the right care at the most reasonable cost. It frees up money and facilities for other needs.

Lambda Letters currently has 230 volunteer writers and, in 1990, has generated over 2,800 letters on women's issues, lesbian and gay rights, and on AIDS.

Lambda Letters, Boyce Hinman, 965-6051.■

# LIFE-Sponsored bills pass legislature

In the manic final days of the state legislature, two bills sponsored by the LIFE AIDS Lobby passed the state legislature and were sent to the governor's desk. The two bills are a residential care licensing measure, carried by Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles), and legislation by Assemblywoman Jackie Speier (D-So. San Francisco) to block refusals by private health insurers to reimburse for some drug treatments. They are now before the governor along with approximately 1500 other bills approved by the legislature in the last week of the 1989-90 legislative session. Deukmejian has 30 days to sign or veto each bill.

The licensing measure, AB 3459, is the second attempt to create a residential care model for the HIV-infected. In 1989 a similar bill failed for lack of support from within the administration. A pilot project for Residential AIDS Shelters (RAS) was created instead as a last minute compromise. According to Laurie McBride, LIFE's executive director, "AB 3459's passage represents an historic agreement between the bureaucracy and residential care providers."

AB 3459 also addresses a critical need of existing facilities. "The lack of a state-approved licensing category has blocked funding here in Los Angeles," stated LIFE's co-chair, John Duran. "Homestead Hospice and Pioneer Hospice are both prime candidates for local monies, but the County of Los Angeles found its hands tied.

The LIFE Lobby created the second bill, AB 3315 carried by Speier, to address the refusal of many health insurers to cover the use of AZT for asymptomatic HIV positive persons. Because the original FDA label approved AZT for individuals with 200 or fewer T-4 helper cells, insurers ruled that prescribing the drug for asymptomatics was "experimental" and, therefore, ineligible for payment. While the AZT problem was solved by widening the FDA label to "include" both asymptomatic and pediatric AIDS patients, LIFE found that other drug therapies were caught in a similar trap.

The so-called "off-label" usage of drugs is common. Clinical research into the safe and appropriate uses of drugs is on-going. Changing the FDA label for every new, clinically proven use is prohibitively expensive for the pharmaceutical companies. Even with FDA support of "off-label" usage, AB 3315 proved to be a difficult bill.

Among other measures supported by LIFE Lobby, the legislature passed AB 1721 (Friedman) which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in underwriting and rating of health insurance. The bill, originally sponsored by the National Gay Rights Advocates, would strengthen existing non-discrimination regulations issued by the Department of Insurance in the 1970s, if signed by the governor.

For the fith year in a row the legislature passed a bill requiring AIDS prevention education for public schools, grades 7-12. And once again the LIFE Lobby helped defeat hostile, right-wing amendments to the bill which would require prior parental consent. The bill as passed allows parents the right to deny permission for their children to attend this -- or any other type of sex education class. In 1990, only 60 percent of school districts in California provide AIDS education to their students. Despite the high risk of California's teenage population for HIV, Deukmejian has vetoed every attempt for standardized, age-appropriate education.

Each year the LIFE Lobby monitors some 100 bills that deal with HIV and/or the rights of gay and lesbian people. "Given this year's political climate and the lameduck status of the governor's office, we are extremely pleased with our Lobby's performance," concluded co-chairs John Duran and Don Disler.■

## Politics and potluck slated for next RCDC meeting

"Politics and Potluck" is the theme for the River City Democratic Club's Tuesday, September 18 meeting/social which begins at 6:30pm at the Lambda Center, 20th and L streets.

The lesbian/gay community is invited to the Club's potluck dinner and discussion of endorsements for local and state ballot measures and propositions and key local, state and national candidates for the November election. For more information, contact President Karl Greene at 927-2029.

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by Sonya Cox
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### Thrush control...

The fungus Candida albicans is a normal organism found in the mouth, gastrointestinal tract (throat, esophagus, stomach, and bowel), vagina and skin. In PWAs (people with AIDS), it produces infections in the mouth (which constitutes an HIV diagnosis), the esophagus (an AIDS diagnosis), and occasionally the nailbeds and skin around the armpits, groin and rectum. The most common site is the mouth where it can be treated with Mycelex or Nystatin, and in more severe cases with Ketoconazole (also called Nyzoral). The thrush will often return when the medication is stopped. Treatment for esophageal Candida (whose symptoms are sore throat, difficulty swallowing, pain behind the breastbone, and regurgitation) begins with Ketoconazole or with the recently approved Fluconazole. Peridex (chlorhexidine gluconate) mouthwash (available by prescription) has been shown to control infections in the gum as well as growth of plaque in people with HIV disease. Additionally, some PWAs with thrush in the mouth or esophagus are reporting that noticeable and immediate relief is being achieved by drinking a small glass of Aloe vera juice each morning or evening, and gently brushing teeth and gums (NOT infected areas) with Aloe vera toothpaste -- in conjunction with their medication. These products are available through E'Lite Health Foods in Des Moines, Iowa (call 515-255-5557 and manager Mildren Hansen will have the products shipped to you from the manufacturer). The juice comes in two strengths -- 150 and 100 percent -- and two flavors: cranberry and plain. The 100 percent costs $25 per gallon and $12 per quart. The 150 percent costs $59 for the gallon and $17 for the quart. It's recommended by those who've tasted both that you get the flavored one, and the 100 percent may well be adequate. The toothpaste is $2.95. (A note on brushing: Do not try to brush or scrape off the thrush in your mouth or on your tongue. Scraping it only seems to make it return with a vengence.)

### Calling all poets...

Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities (PAARC) is hosting a poetry jam session at the Mercantile, from 5-7pm on September 28. Akili Jaye and Ricky Ray invite local poets to come read their work. Call Akili at 444-5112 to sign up!

### New FDA applications...

The Food and Drug Administration has given all potential AIDS drugs a "1-AA" classification -- the highest priority in FDA's new drug review system. The expedited review of AZT, which became the first approved treatment for AIDS, served as the prototype for the new classification. There are no "new drug" applications currently pending before the agency for drugs to directly treat HIV infection. In a different category, "investigational new drugs," FDA has approved more than 200 human studies to test potential drugs; at present, more than 80 antiviral or immunomodulating drugs are under study.

### An intense search...

Researchers are concentrating on drugs to treat opportunistic infections and cancers in PWAs. Included in this search are "anti-infectives" which act directly against an infection, "immunomodulators" to boost the body's own immune system, and "anti-neoplastics" to act directly against cancers. The most prevalent infections and cancers and their treatments include: (1) pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), a severe lung infection which was previously found in nearly all PWAs at some time during the course of the disease; the advent of drugs such as pentamadine and bactrim are drastically altering its prevalence; (2) candidiasis, a fungal infection of the mouth and esophagus, responds well to Ketoconazol and Fluconazole; the latter drug also helps control cryptoccocal meningitis, a fungus that enters through the lungs but lands in the membrane covering the brain and spinal cord; it can also affect the central nervous system, bone marrow, liver, kidneys, blood, and lymph nodes; (3) Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), a malignant tumor condition; two versions of alpha interferon have been approved for treatment of KS; (4) cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, an opportunistic viral infection that can cause blindness, pneumonia, and death, is treated with Ganciclovir.

*Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continual contributions to its content.*■

## Massachusetts creates an AIDS fund using tax form checkoff

by Carrie Wofford
GUEST WRITER

BOSTON -- Massachusetts will become the first state to raise money for AIDS research, treatment, and education by using its tax forms. Through a checkoff box on state income tax forms, taxpayers can allocate any tax refunds they receive or make a contribution over and above their owed taxes to the newly created state-run Massachusetts AIDS Fund.

The voluntary AIDS donation checkoff, approved by the state legislature and signed by Governor Dukakis will appear on this year's state income tax return forms. It is expected to raise one million dollars each year (based on the state's Endangered Wildlife checkoff and the Organ Donor checkoff which each raise up to $500,000 each year without advertising). Proponents of the AIDS Fund expect to have substantial advertising for the checkoff Fund donated. The checkoff box will remain on each year's state income tax forms until legislators vote to remove it.

The checkoff Fund, initiated as a bill two-and-a-half years ago into the state legislature by Boston's openly-gay City Councillor David Scondras, is the first of its kind in the country, although California attempted to pass such a measure a few years ago.

### NGLTF campus project releases newsletter

The Campus Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released a new edition of its newsletter, Organizing for Equality. The publication includes a questionnaire on campus policies, the 1990 hate crimes reporting form and the updated Film Resource Guide.

The questionnaire will provide NGLTF with information on anti-discrimination policies for sexual orientation and HIV status. Included in the newsletter is a list of colleges and universities that have policies barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The newsletter may be ordered by sending $1 to NGLTF Campus Project, 1517 U Street NW, Washington D.C. 20009.

## Uncommon ponderings about common things...

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

As we go through life, we meet so many different people we can't possibly remember them all. But every now and again, someone ventures by we know we'll never forget. Sometimes the impact made on our life lies in the fact that we've been heart as we've never been hurt before, sometimes it's because we've been loved as we've never been loved before, and a million other reasons in between.

So as I sit here trying to identify what it could be that has made two people who've recently moved through my life stand out so much in my thoughts, trying to figure out how two people who are so completely opposite of one another could be on my mind almost equally (writers sit around and do these pondering kinds of things a lot), it occurs to me that the reason — and it's the very same reason that everything else in my life impacts me — is the love.

One of these people brims over with it, and the other seems to have no understanding at all of how it works. One has discovered that the power of love lies in being given away ... that it replenishes itself the more it's freely bestowed on others. The second person, on the other hand, continually ASKS people to recognize his accomplishments and the fact that he "deserves" to be acknowledged and loved.

Each of us, from the time we're born, gathers together the bits and strings of the fabric of our lives, adds to it what we need and wish for, and stitches it together into a cozy quilt that we can wrap around us, and snuggle way down into — a comforter in times of strife. Sometimes, by the time we're adults, we've fused together what we wish for and what we've actually become, not seeing the difference between the reality and the fantasy. And this, I believe, is what so vastly separates these two people from one another.

One is a hero of sorts. He's fighting HIV, as are so many of my family, and has gained a fair share of community visibility because of the cut of his fabric ... letting others in the same position continually know that they're not alone ... fighting to bring hope to the community because, after all, hope is the very thing on which people with HIV stake their whole way of life — a bit of a magician, a bit of philosopher — and still trying to remain only a small thread making up the family quilt. And this is where his power lies. This is what makes him different from the other one.

Yet this is why I'm equally moved by them both, because it's just as fascinating to me to observe a person who can radiate that invisible inner glow that brings light and joy to those around him, as it is to know someone who can't.

I suppose I'm glad that they've both been in my life, because there are lessons to be learned from each of them, as well as from every other person I meet. Often I zoom from one person to another, not having the time to be slow and thoughtful ... to fully grasp all they have to offer. I hate there being only 24 hours in a day. It's not enough time. But occasionally, nonetheless, I sit and ponder. I think long and hard about people I may have only briefly met. And they have no idea what they've done to me. I walk away from each new encounter tall and straight, sometimes moved beyond words, eagerly looking forward to meeting the strangers I'll grow to love in the years ahead.

And I know that, in the end, I'll not be able to remember all of them, that I can't chastise myself for not being able to do the impossible. Even though I want to so much. But many I know I'll never forget ... their outlook on life and vision of the future indelibly etched into my inner being. Some will become, as this one has, a hero, and aren't I lucky to have such people in my life?

He'd blush if I revealed his name ... if he knew I think he's so special ... day after day, going about the regular business of living — which in the HIV world is a whole career in itself — not fully knowing how he impacts those who pass his way.

And it occurs to me that most of us probably have no idea in the world how we intertwine ... how we can drastically affect the lives of those around us, sometimes with just a glance or a word, and not even know it ... how we're all an intrinsic piece of the mysterious weave that makes up the fabric of our humanity.

I wish I could tell him all this but, like I said, he'd blush. But I wish those of you who haven't yet met him could do so. You'd like him.■

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## AIDS: How could God let this happen?

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Since your HIV diagnosis, or that of a friend or loved one, you may be experiencing many fears about the virus and what it may do as it develops. You may also wonder if the God you've always believed in has abandoned us in this crisis. The following excerpts from "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," by Rabbi Harold Kushner, may give you a different slant on this issue.

Kushner says that when bad things happen, people often wonder where God is. How do I cope? Will I lose my friends, my job, etc.?

Bad things do not happen to us as a punishment from God for our "sins." They are not tests for us. Do you think that God wants you to suffer? Of course not! God loves us unconditionally just as we are. His love is a free gift; it's not something we have to earn.

God does not cause our misfortune. Kushner says if we can understand the concept that there are some things that God cannot control, we can better understand how He is on the side of the poor, the widowed, the orphaned, and is on our side in helping us to deal with this disease. God is also angry at this unfairness.

Can it be that God set creation into motion and then left things to happen as they may? That creation is still going on? Perhaps God too is limited by the laws of nature, by the evolution of human nature, and by our moral freedom. God is not responsible for illness, accidents, and natural disasters. Your diagnosis is a consequence merely of being human and mortal.

Pain is the price we pay for being alive. The best thing we can do is to try to rise above the question, "Why did it happen?" and begin to ask, "What do I do now that it has happened?"

If you are angry, don't be angry at God, at yourself, or at other people. Be angry at the situation. It's OK to see it as something rotten, unfair, and totally undeserved. Shout about it! Cry over it! You may feel jealous of people who don't have the virus. All of these feelings are valid. Remember, however, that everyone has wounds and scars of their own. God does not send us the problems. But God does give us the strength to cope with them. He will give you the perseverence to live with your diagnosis. God has given us two great abilities: the ability to forgive, and the ability to love. These abilities help us live more meaningfully in this less-than-perfect world.

Forgive yourself, forgive whoever may have transmitted the virus to you, forgive those who've abandoned you in this crisis because they can't deal with your diagnosis. Love yourself enough to find out how to deal with this disease. Ask enough questions to know where some of the answers are, and where the emotional, spiritual, physical, and medical support is that you will need over the coming years. Educate yourself enough to know that this is a manageable illness that need not be fatal if you intercede as soon as possible. Learn that there are people and agencies in the community to get you through this, and that you are not alone. Please reach out.

And remember as you embark upon your journey that God will be always with you, sometimes walking side by side with you as you fight the battle ahead, sometimes carrying you over the rough spots when the road is not smooth. Remember that He made you just as you are because He loves you. He's given you the intelligence to overcome the obstacles that you will encounter on your way. And He'll give you the perseverence to live with an AIDS diagnosis, and the strength to love yourself for who you are. Because you're special!■

# NGLTF speaks out on Souter nomination

It is imperative that Judge David Souter be closely scrutinized by the U.S. Senate to determine his commitment to protecting the individual liberties enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

Judge Souter's willingness to protect the liberty of gay men and lesbians is already critically suspect in light of his concurrence with a 1987 New Hampshire Supreme Court opinion denying our right to serve as adoptive and foster parents. The ruling was based on the court's view that gay people are not "appropriate role models for children." The opinion does, in certain limited aspects, uphold the right of lesbians and gay men to serve as licensed childcare providers and teachers. However, the overall impact perpetuates the erroneous belief that gay people are unfit to be parents.

NGLTF is also concerned about Judge Souter's willingness to protect the right to privacy and reproductive choice. In 1976, Souter, then New Hampshire attorney general, submitted a brief arguing that the state should not provide Medicaid funds to pay for abortions, calling them the "killing of the unborn." ■

## Federal judge blocks law restricting adult telephone services

A federal judge in New York ordered the government not to enforce an unconstitutional law aimed at significantly restricting "adult" information telephone service, so-called "phone sex" and chat lines.

Ruling in a lawsuit brought against the Department of Justice by adult information providers joined by the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the New York Civil Liberties Union, the judge found that the law violated the First and Fifth Amendments and was unconstitutionally vague.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert P. Patterson, Jr. held that the federal law, which imposed a number of restrictions on adult service providers as well as telephone carriers, unduly burdened people's rights to speak freely over the phone, and the right of companies to provide the service without such restrictions as prepayment, credit cards, or presubscription. The law would have come into effect on August 15, and, among other things, would have required people seeking to use the phone lines to "presubscribe" by first sending a note to the phone company asking to receive the service.

## San Francisco case collapses

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution that all criminal charges be dropped against S.F. photographer Jock Sturges and film developer Joe Semien. The District Attorney's office filed papers with the court which will act to dismiss all existing charges against Semien.

Federal charges are still being investigated with no resolution in sight, according to the FBI.

The charges arose after Sturges took pictures of nude children at a nude beach, and Semien delivered them to a commercial developer, who notified the police of possible child pornography.

*— The Oldest Profession Times*

## 10 million may have the AIDS virus, report says

The global AIDS epidemic is "accelerating dramatically" and there may be as many as eight to 10 million people infected with the virus, according to a new report by the World Health Organization.

The revised figures — which push the toll two million higher than previous estimates by the WHO just over a year ago, reflecting the continuing worsening of the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa and an unexpected surge in HIV infections in Asia, where just two years ago, AIDS was virtually unheard of.

## Gay boycott called election violation

A conservative group has accused the San Francisco chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power and four other gay advocacy groups of violating federal election rules by promoting a boycott aimed at unseating Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC).

In a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission, the Conservative Campaign Fund in Washington, D.C. suggested that the boycott against Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer extends "beyond acts of protest" because of its political effects on Helms.

Gay rights groups, who say Helms is the worst anti-gay elected official in America, have been boycotting Miller and Marlboro since April. The parent company of the two brands, Philip Morris Company, through its political action committee, is a major contributor to the Helms reelection campaign.

## Massachusetts Governor Dukakis vetoes gay foster restrictions

Gay activists claimed a major victory when Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis vetoed a budget amendment which could have restricted the rights of gays and lesbians to adopt, be guardians, or foster parents. Dukakis announced the veto at a Statehouse press conference prior to his signing of the 1990 budget which passed the legislature in early August.

Governor Dukakis created an explosion of controversy in 1985 when he ordered the removal of two foster children from the home of two gay men. The Massachusetts legislature followed Dukakis' example by attaching even more restrictive language to the budget each year. 1990 is the first year since 1985 that lesbians and gays have managed to defeat the restrictive language.

## Special rate offered for women's cruise

Robin Tyler Productions is offering a discount on selected cabins for the "Luxury, Elegance and Romance on the High Seas" women's cruise to the Mexican Riviera, November 17-24.

While cabins for two are nearly sold-out, quad cabins are available at the special discount rate of $695-795 per person.

If your group is less than four, you will be matched with other single women or couples who wish to take advantage of this discounted price.

For further information, contact Robin Tyler Productions, 15842 Chase St., Sepulveda, CA 91343 or call Joyce at (818) 893-4075. ■

## Soviets launch gay paper

Gays in the Soviet Union have launched a gay newspaper that looks much like the Communist Party's newspaper *Pravda*. Eighty-five thousand copies of bi-weekly newsmagazine are expected to be distributed.

The free publication contains news on the gay movements in the Netherlands and France and advice on how to prevent AIDS by using a condom.

The Soviet Union still carries a five-year prison term for homosexual contact between consenting adults.

## Bush aide quits after blasting the President

A presidential assistant who criticized the White House for inviting members of the gay community to a bill-signing ceremony has left his position.

Kristin Taylor, a White House spokeswoman denied that the resignation of Doug Wead, a special assistant to the president for public liaison, had anything to do with the May 14 letter he wrote to conservatives on White House stationary.

Wead, however, told the *Washington Post* that the letter made a lot of people unhappy.

Although a decision to have Wead leave was made a day earlier, Taylor said Wead had been planning to work elsewhere for sometime.

Wead, who was in charge of outreach programs for conservatives and religious groups had worked in the White House for about 18 months.

## Studds requests GAO study of anti-gay pentagon policy

U.S. Representative Gerry Studds (D—MA) called for a new, in-depth investigation of the Pentagon's prohibition against gay men and lesbians.

Studds, an outspoken critic of the policy, was joined in his request by two key House colleagues: Representatives John Conyers (D-MI), Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations and Ted Weiss (D-NY), a long-time gay rights advocate and chairman of a Government Operations subcommittee.

Representatives Conyers and Weiss were co-signers of Studds' successful appeals earlier this year on behalf of three different ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) cadets who had been discharged and ordered to repay scholarship grants solely because they are gay.

## AIDS quilt goes to Israel

A group of people based in the Bay Area is trying to raise money to send the International AIDS Memorial Quilt to Israel for display there. The plan is to display the quilt over a three-week period in conjunction with World AIDS Day in December 1990 — using the quilt to do AIDS education in Israel, provide emotional support for people with AIDS and their loved ones in Israel, and raise funds for AIDS services in Israel.

The quilt includes more than 12,000 individual 3-foot by 6-foot panels memorializing people with AIDS. To make a tax deductible donation, send a check to NAMES Project — Israel Tour, and mail it to Friends of the Israel Tour, 1642 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122 or call (707) 546-2140.

## Western Union issues non-discrimination policy

Western Union Corporation, which earlier this year was sharply criticized by lesbian and gay rights advocates for their attempts to overturn the San Francisco lesbian and gay rights ordinance, has issued a revised non-discrimination policy for its employees which specifically includes sexual orientation.

In a statement signed by Western Union's President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert J. Amman, the company states that its policy of equal opportunity "is founded on sound business judgment and our belief in respect for the individual. We depend on the full and effective employment and development of qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap or veteran status."

## Author Shilts seeks military interviews

Best-selling author Randy Shilts is seeking interviews with lesbian and gay military personnel for a new book to examine the issue of gays in the armed forces.

Shilts is the national correspondent of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and author of *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic* and *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk.*

Shilts' book will focus on lesbians and gay men in the military since 1969, starting with the Vietnam War. However, he said he is also looking for other interviews who have served in the armed forces at any time during this century, particularly if they have an especially interesting story.

The author has promised to protect the confidentiality of anyone who requests it.

If you would like to be part of the new book, write Shilts at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 901 Mission Street, San Francisco, 94103.

## Scholarships available for creating change conference

Scholarship assistance is available for people of color and people with disabilities who would like to attend the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Creating Change Conference. The conference, to be held in Minneapolis this November 9-12, is the preeminent political and skills-building gathering for gay and lesbian activities.

To apply for a scholarship, send a letter of introduction stating your community involvement, ability to raise matching funds from your organizations or community, reasons for attending the conference, and the extent to which your attendance is determined as financial aid award.

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### City/County Merger: What effect will it have on the gay community?

"City/County Merger: A Good Marriage for the Lesbian/Gay Community?" will be discussed at a special Dialogue with RCDC co-sponsored by the River City Democratic Club and CAP/PAC on Monday, October 1. The Dialogue will focus on provisions of the proposed charter which would merge the existing city and county governments into one body, and implications of such a merger for the lesbian and gay community.

The Dialogue is set for 6pm at the Town House, 1517 21st Street. Hors d'doeuvres and a no-host bar will be provided from 5-6pm. Admission is $5.

Panelists will include Rosemary Metrailer, local attorney and member of the Sacramento City/County Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission; a member of the Merger Commission and a member of the City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

The Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission has reviewed the Charter and made specific recommendations to the Charter Commission from a human rights perspective.

Registered voters will decide, in November, whether or not the present nine-member City Council and five-member Board of Supervisors will become a 12-member Council of Supervisors with 20 local community councils.

November's vote is important to the lesbian/gay community in terms of the future of the city gay rights ordinance in particular and gay politics in Sacramento.

RCDC and CAP/PAC are co-sponsoring October's Dialogue because of the significance of the issue to the community.

For more information about the Dialogue, contact co-coordinators Joanna Cassese at 451-0288 or Joe Hawkins at 454-0516.

# Stockton outreach workers educate, change behavior to try to save lives

by F.J. Santillo
of the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation
GUEST WRITER

How do we educate people in the community about preventing the spread of HIV disease, particularly if these people are in a high risk category and don't seek out the information on their own? OUTREACH. We go get them.

Building up the outreach in San Joaquin County is the most efficient and effective way of reaching the community. Peer education programs are vital in saving lives in San Joaquin County, and you can be a part of this.

MAN-TO-MAN PROGRAM

The Man-to-Man program is designed to influence men who have sex with men, in an attempt to prevent HIV infection through education about safer sexuality. Man-to-Man volunteers concentrate on several areas of outreach. First, volunteers talk face to face with men at gay and/or bisexual bars, talking individually with people about their specific knowledge of safe sex practices, often giving out literature about safer sex, free condoms, and asking the individual to a commitment to specifically do one or two things in a safer way.

"Hot and Healthy" safe-sex parties, held at an individual's home, provide a safe place for a small number of high risk people to gather for clarifying safer sex techniques, and improving negotiation skills.

During the next few months, the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation will be looking for a variety of fun people to host "Hot and Healthy" parties. It's very personalized safe sex "AIDS-101." Interested people should call the "Hot and Healthy" team at the SJAF office, 209-476-8533. Safe sex workshops are also on the agenda for this coming year.

Public sex environments are the third area of outreach for the volunteers, who again, give out information.

The "Stockton Connection" is our weekly support group. This is where men in the community meet for mutual support and are able to see each other's behavior or issues, and support each other in our efforts to recover in our world today. There is a meditation, or visualization that we process, and then group support. Join them every Wednesday evening at 7pm at the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation.

A two-day training begins with an introduction, Friday, October 12, 7-10pm. Call SJAF for an interview 209-476-8533.■

# New leaders for church

Integrity, the lesbian and gay justice ministry of the Episcopal Church, swore in its new leaders recently in St. Louis. Bruce Garner of Atlanta was sworn in as Integrity's ninth president for the next two years, succeeding Kim Byham of Guttenberg, N.J.

The service, conducted by the Reverend Walter Szymanski of Rochester, NY, came at the conclusion of the Integrity National Convention, held in conjunction with the Under the Roof Conference, a meeting which brought together about 250 members of various Episcopal social justice and social action ministries.■

# Soccer coach sentenced to 12 years

A youth soccer coach who pleaded guilty in July to four counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with an 11-year-old boy was sentenced to 12 years in prison by Sacramento Municipal Court Judge Jane Ure.

Carlton Benjamin Wiley, 24, a sergeant at McClellan Air Force Base, admitted he molested the youth between September 1988 and April 1989 while he was the boy's coach, according to Sacramento County Deputy District Attorney Mike Savage.■


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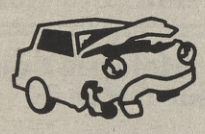
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The entire Sacramento team — Photo by Greg Gorges

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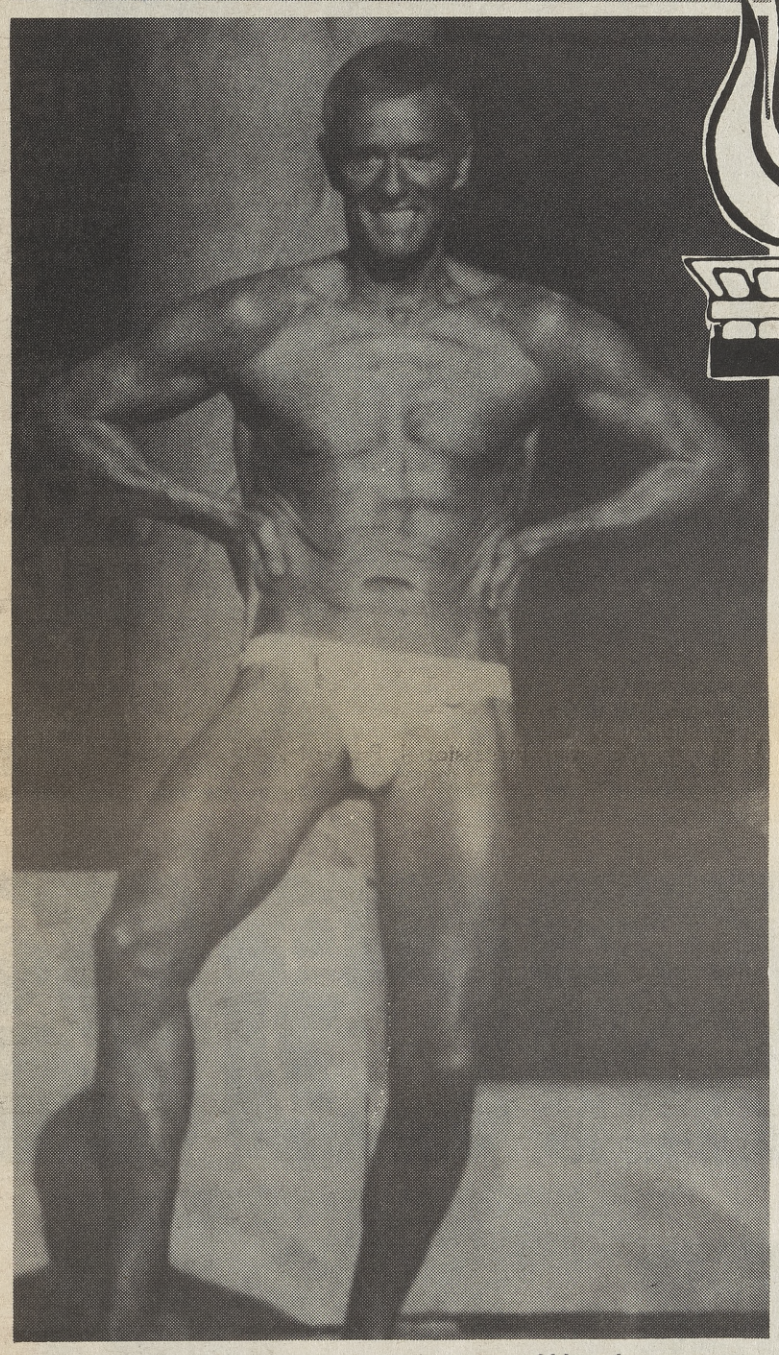

Norm Frohwein of Sacramento shows what earned him a bronze medal.

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Gold, Sheila Enders
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**— MARATHON—**
Gold, Ginny Siebert

**— PHYSIQUE—**
Bronze, Norm Frohwein
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Bronze, Juan Ramos/Mike Ward
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Silver, Shannon Morgan

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**100 Breast**
Bronze, Maggie Redmon
Gold, Andy Brennan
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Silver, Kerry Freeman
**400 IM**
Gold, Kerry Freeman
**100Fly**
Bronze, Theresa Muth
**100 Fly**
Gold, Mark Blagdon
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Bronze, Maggie Redmon
Bronze, Scott Reuss
Bronze, David Ugarkovich
**200 Fly**
Bronze, Theresa Muth
Gold, Mark Blagdon
**100 Back**
Bronze, Kerry Freeman
**200 Breast**
Silver, Maggie Redmon
Gold, Andy Brennan
Silver, David Ugarkovich
**100 Free**
Silver, Kerry Freeman
**50 Fly**
Silver, Michelle Askew
Bronze, Theresa Muth
Gold, Mark Blagdon
**200 IM**
Silver, Kerry Freeman
Gold, Theresa Muth
**200 Free Relay**
Gold, Theresa Muth, Kerry Freeman, Maggie Redmon, Michelle Askew
Bronze, Mark Blagdon, Paul Young, David Lyons, Andy Brennan
**200 Medley Relay**
Silver, Theresa Muth, Maggie Redmon, Kerry Freeman, Michelle Askew
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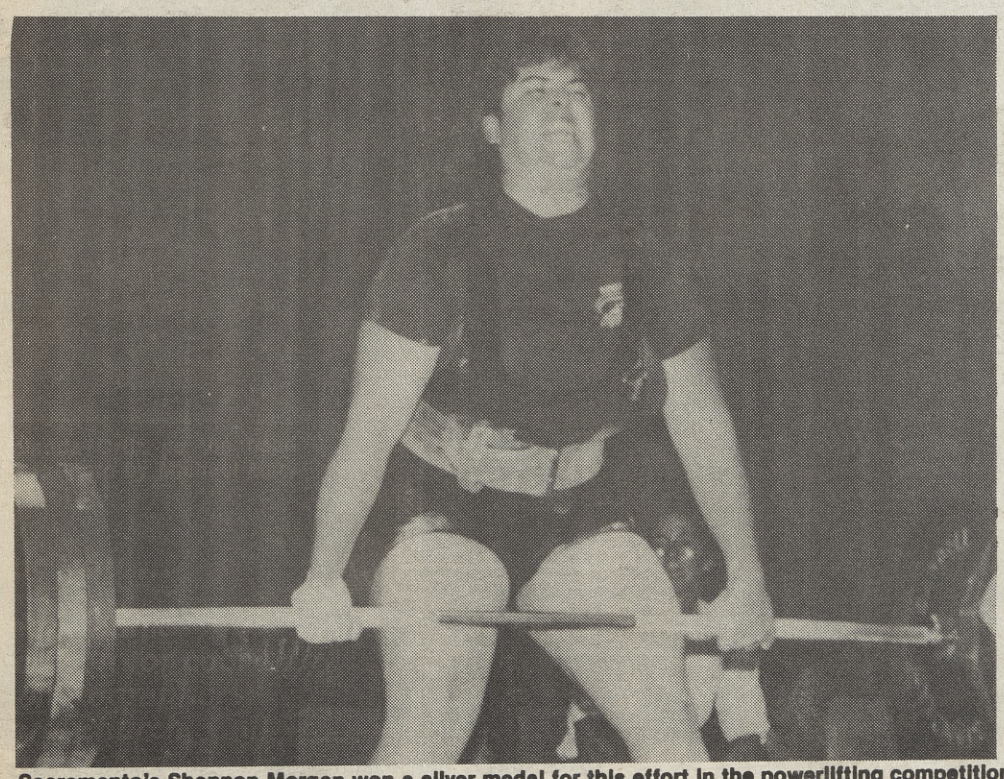
Local soccer referee Yolanda Ortiz as the head referee for the Gay Games. Photo by Michael Mary Addison



Sacramento's Shannon Morgan won a silver medal for this effort in the powerlifting competition. Photo by Gail Fitzpatrick.

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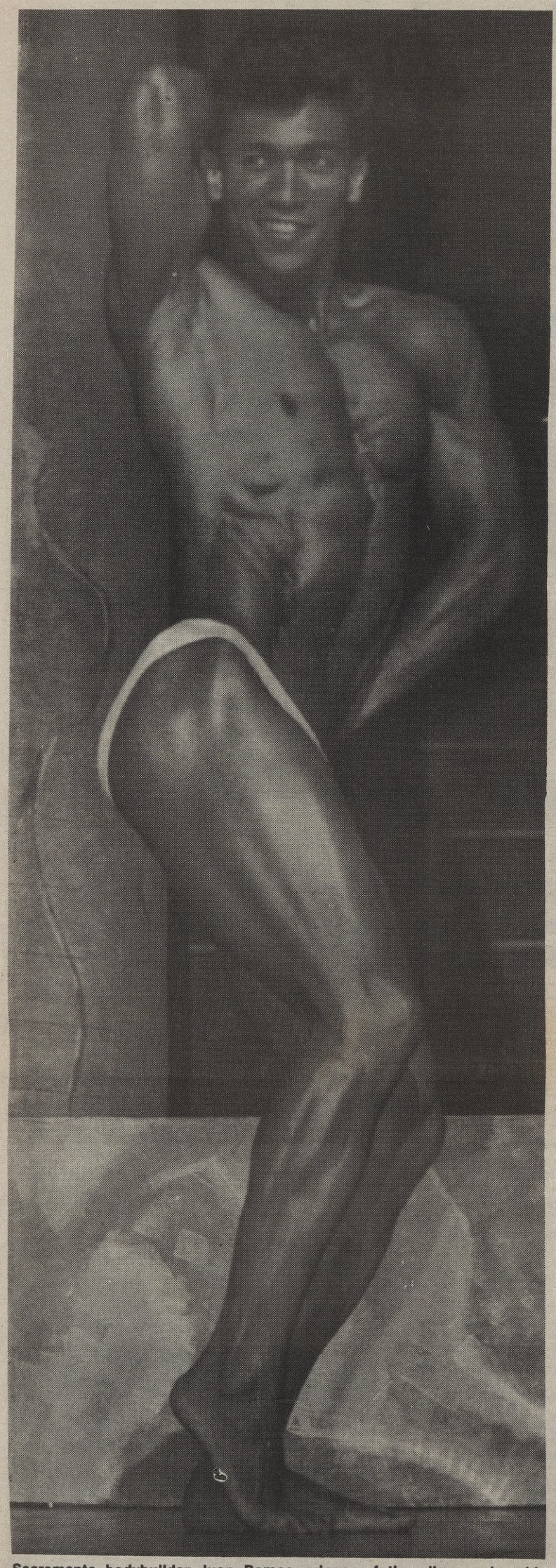
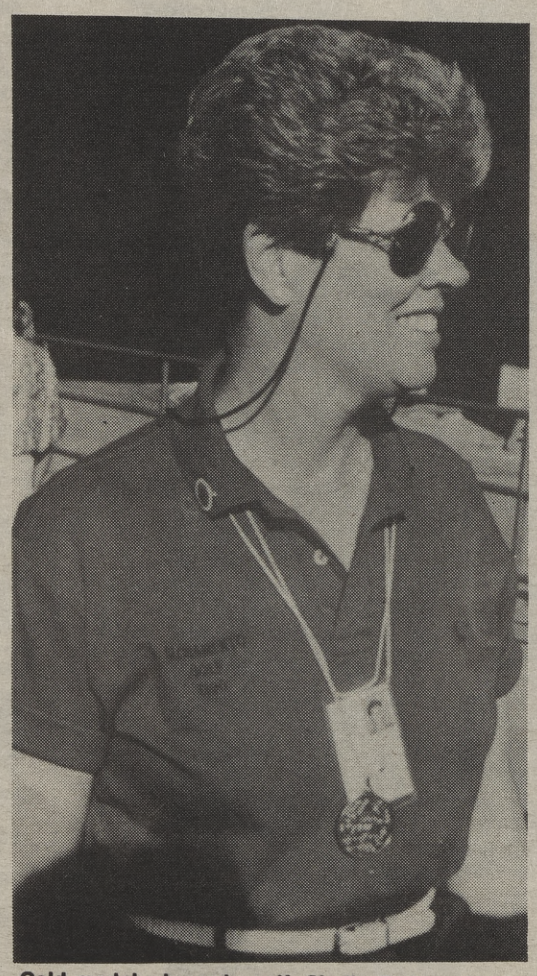
# Sacramento athletes brin

Edmond Blagdon and Liz White received the only standing ovation for their performance. Photo by Art Farmer

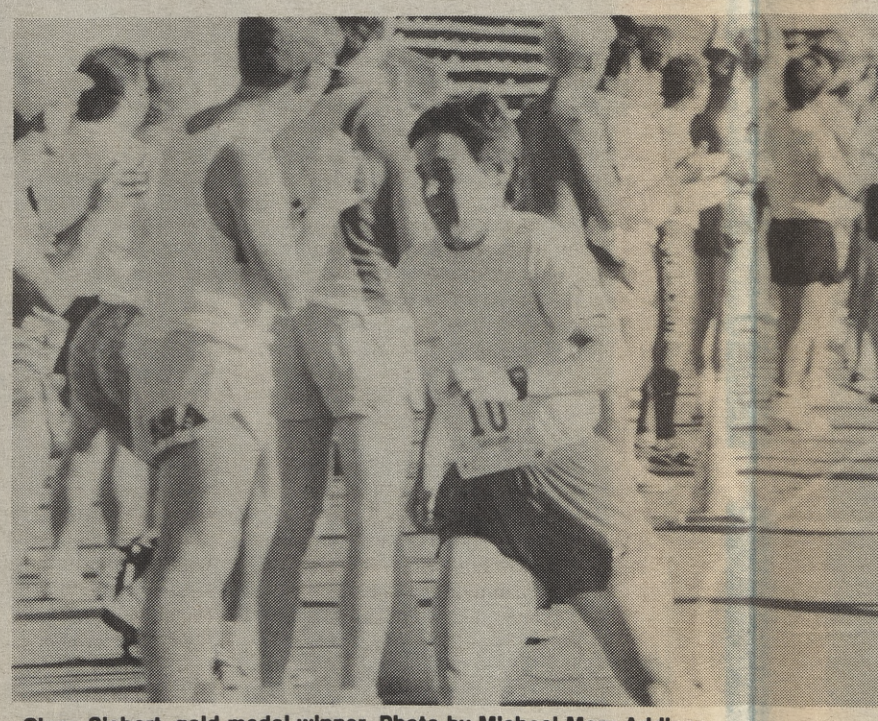


Sacramento bodybuilder Juan Ramos, winner of the silver male middleweight category flexes for the judges at the Gay Games III Physique competition. Photo by Greg Gorges

Bro... ...nson-Earle and his mother following the opening ceremonies. Photo by Michael Mary Addison



Gold medal winner in golf, Sheila Enders. Photo by Mary Church



Ginny Siebert, gold medal winner. Photo by Michael Mary Addison

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Golf team — Photo by Greg Gorges

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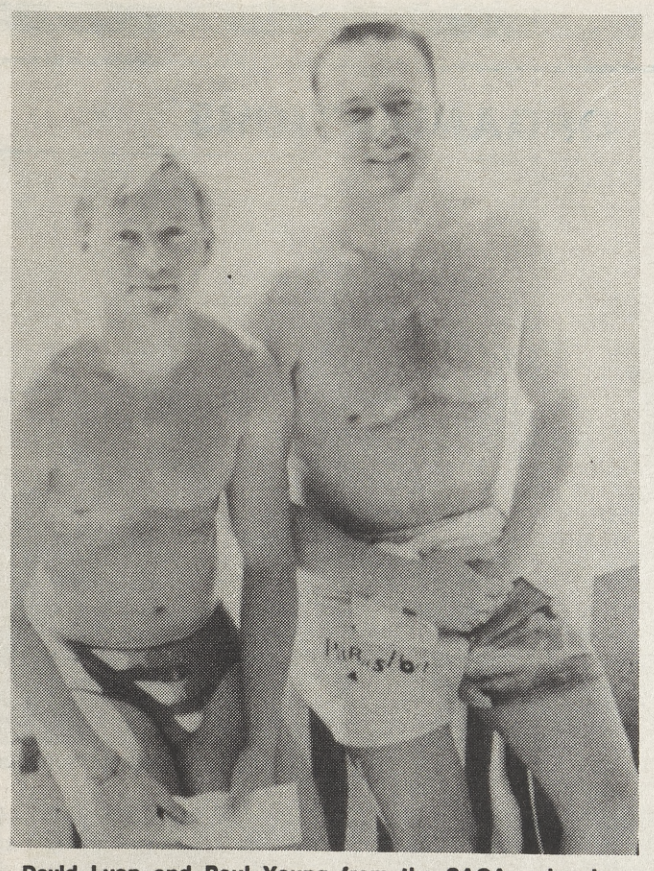

David Lyon and Paul Young from the SAGA swimming team. Their team won 41 medals. Photo by Greg Gorges

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Billiards team members Pam France, Judy Debaun, Gail Pfaff, Marcie Pomple. Photo by Gail Fitzpatrick

Opening ceremonies with some members of the volleyball team. Photo by Greg Gorges

Golfers from New Zealand and Arizona with Sacramento's Norm Frohwein.
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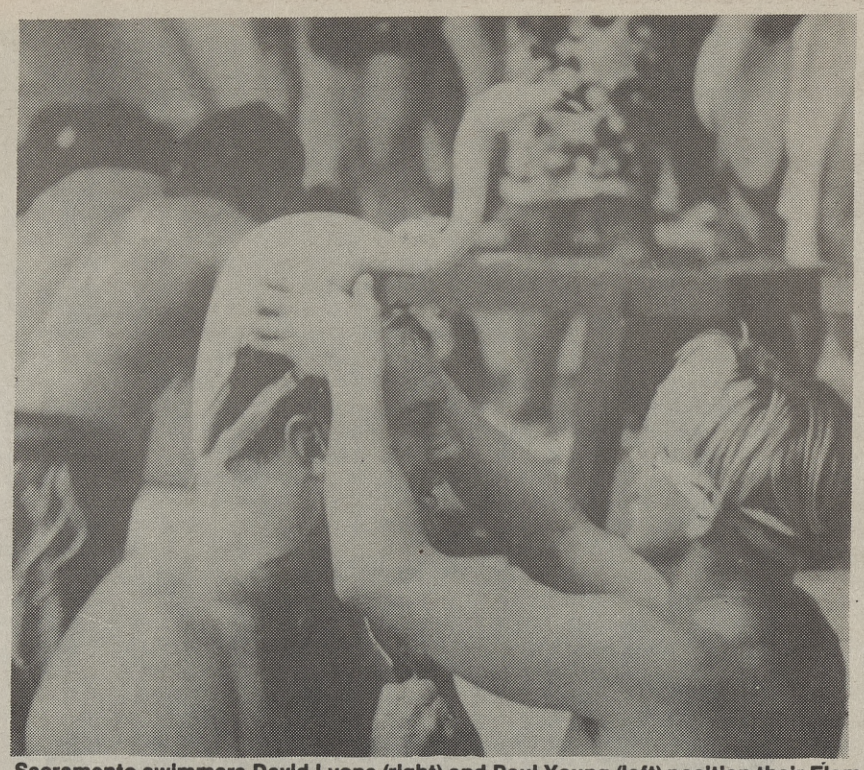
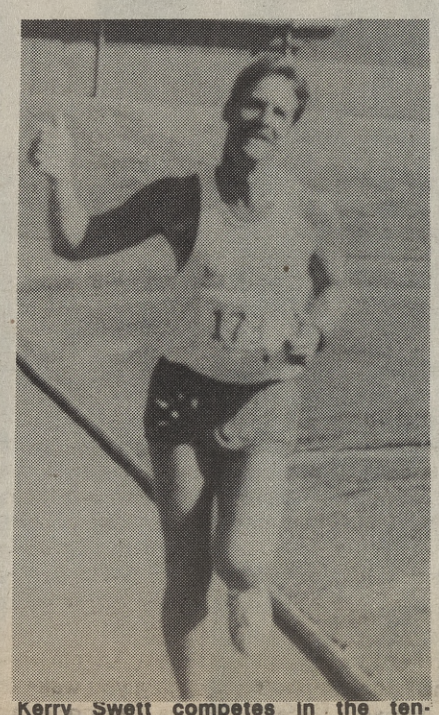


Sacramento swimmers David Lyons (right) and Paul Young (left) position their Flamingoes for the race ahead. Photo by Michael Mary Addision

Team Sacramento's men's baseball team takes a break from the action. Photo by Michael Mary Addison

Andy, Maggie and David stop for a picture during the swimming competition. Photo by Greg Gorges

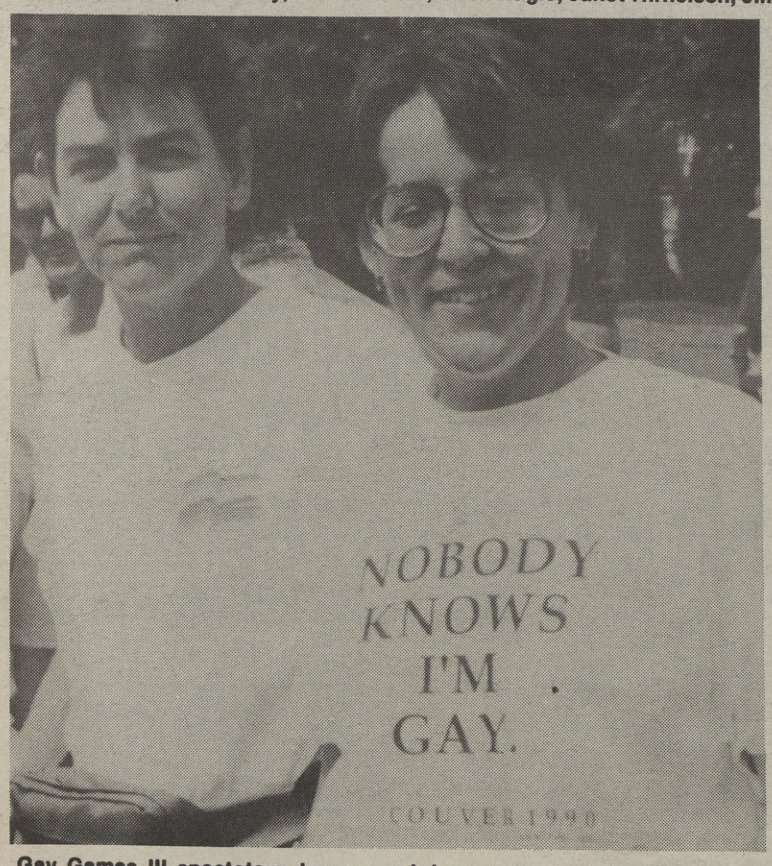


Kerry Swett competes in the ten-kilometer run. Photo by Michael Mary Addison

Dori O'Rouke goes for the gold in the soccer competition. Photo by Michael Mary Addision

Marlene Sullivan, Lisa Pray, Pam Howard, Buck Hagle, Janet Hirhelsen, Jim Goodrich. Photo by Gail Fitzpatrick

Mark Blagdon (center) with his parents at the Gay Games. Photo by Greg Gorges




Gay Games III spectators Joanne and Jane smile for MGW. Photo by Michael Mary Addison

Kerry Swett in the Gay Games marathon. Photo by Ginny Selbert

# Doing B&B's in Monterey

By Frank J. Lawler, Jr.

During the course of our very fast paced lifestyle it often becomes necessary to have a "quick getaway" to restore sanity in our lives. One of the world's most beautiful settings is practically in our own backyard, that being the Monterey Peninsula. The journey is a little over three hours from Sacramento, thus allowing for more "play" time and less driving.

The tendency of many travelers is to find a motel that isn't too pricey and then deal with the issue of asking for one bed when you and your lover are "same-sex" partners. The point to having a "retreat" is to find the closest thing to being in the comfort of your own home (assuming your home is comforting). Such a place is in the heart of Pacific Grove, **The Old St. Angela Inn.**

This beautiful bed and breakfast inn is a historic Cape Cod home that was built in 1910. In 1928 it was converted into a convent and yes, I slept in the Mother Superior's room. When you enter the **Old St. Angela Inn** your eyes are greeted by a beautiful living room setting appointed with period furniture and a warm and inviting fireplace. The great visuals however are superceded by the aroma of chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven and a potpourri of apples and spices emanating from the kitchen!!

Marshall Semore and Curtis Brown IV were there to greet us as we arrived. Marshall and Curtis have been lovers for six years and are active partners in three inns around the Monterey Peninsula. Marshall toured us through this magnificent home where we noted the formal dining area and then proceeded to a beautiful glass and redwood solarium that overlooks a striking garden of many of the colorful flowers that adorn the Monterey Peninsula. The garden area includes a decked sitting area and a gazebo for those who would like a quiet and relaxing time outdoors.

The rooms are everything you would expect from a B&B. Many of the beds are handmade country pine with billow quilts and pillows. Some of the beds have a canopy and an ocean view. The Carriage House features natural wood, kitchenette, and a complete bath and can sleep up to four people. Most rooms share a bath, which is quite large with two sinks and a large shower. Each guest, as it is with the B&B tradition, is provided with a soft terry bathrobe. The prices for the rooms range from $75-$135.

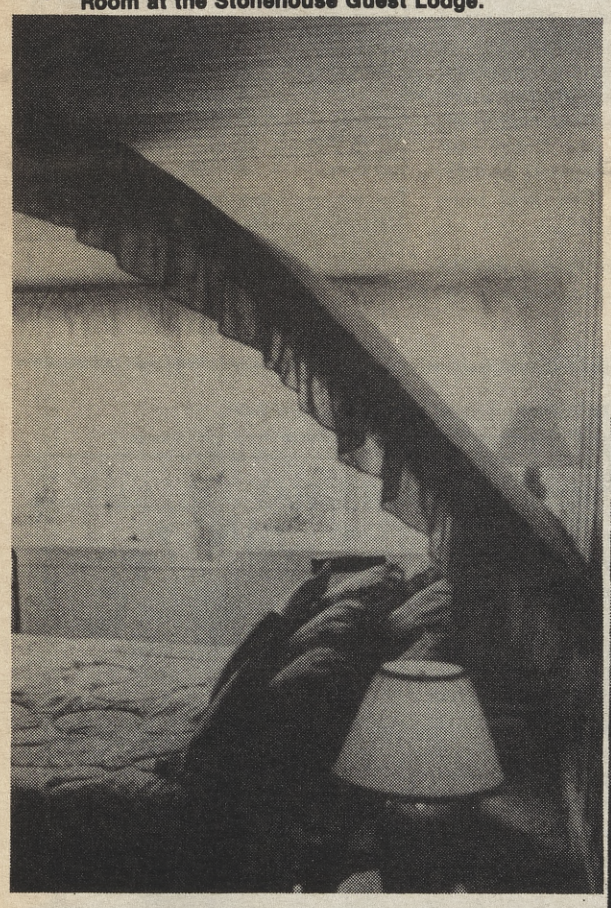
There is much more to **The Old St. Angela** than it's physical beauty. The first thing in the morning you wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee, muffins baking in the oven, and possibly French toast stuffed with blueberries. A different breakfast entree is prepared each morning by Marshall (who happens to be a very fine cook). Along with your entree you may enjoy fresh fruit, muffins, and orange juice. All this is served to you in the beautiful solarium and is included in the price of the room. After you may wish to select one of the many newspapers available and curl up on the couch in the living room.

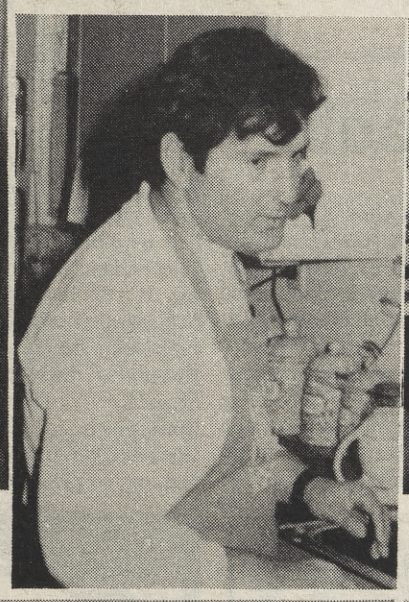
*See **Monterey/Carmel** on page 18*

▲ The Del Monte Inn in Monterey

**Photos by Frank Lawler**

▼ Room at the Stonehouse Guest Lodge.





Living room in the Stonehouse Guest Lodge. ▲

▼ The Old St. Angela Inn in Pacific Grove near Cannery Row and the Aquarium.

◀ Innkeeper Marshall Semore

▼ The living room at the Del Monte Inn.

## MGW PALATE

# Andiamo! The Old Rosemont Grill

reviewed by Drew Herzog
OF MGW STAFF

Andiamo! is the newish restaurant that has taken over the old Rosemont Grill, just a block east of Alhambra on Folsom Blvd. The Rosemont was probably the last place in Sacramento to serve tinted pear-halves as a garnish. If you were visiting elderly relatives who liked Lawrence Welk, you could safely take them to the Rosemont! They might not fare so well at Andiamo!

My party of three went on a weeknight. The place was about one-quarter full. Nevertheless, we waited 15 minutes after ordering for our appetizers to appear. They were worth the wait. The Bay Shrimp Cocktail ($3.95) could easily have served three. Tiny shrimp on a bed of lettuce, with a delicious cocktail sauce on the side. The Antipasto Plate ($4.75) was a meal in itself. Ham rolls, sliced cheese, artichoke hearts, hard-boiled eggs, greek olives -- three of us struggled with it and had to admit defeat.

The dinner salads were fairly standard -- leaf-lettuce, sliced mushrooms and olives, sunflower seeds rather than croutons, and the perfunctory cherry tomato.

On to the entrees! The Grilled T-Bone Steak with 5-Onion Sauce ($14.95) was ordered medium-well and came well -- fairly carbonized on one side. The french fries that accompanied it looked great -- thick slices with the skins on -- but were cold and soggy.

The Eggplant Rollatini ($10.25) looked good on paper. Thin slices of grilled eggplant wrapped around a spinach/cheese/mushroom mixture, topped with a marinara sauce. Unfortunately, they tasted like paper, of the cardboard variety. I'm an eggplant lover, and this was a disappointment. The marinara sauce on its own was fairly acidic, and couldn't help the lack of flavor.

The winner of the entree sweepstakes was the Scampi Fra Diavolo ($13.95) -- scampi served with linguini noodles in a light tomato sauce, flavored with chili, jalapenos, garlic and lemon. It was spicy, but good. More like a Thai dish rather than Italian. The only thing it lacked, Thai-wise, was the chopped nuts.

We were fairly replete by this time, but wishing to do the thing thoroughly, we ordered desserts. The Bread Pudding ($1.95) was a bit watery -- been sitting in the refrigerator too long -- but tasty enough. The Chocolate Strawberry Shortcake ($2.25) was actually a dark chocolate cake layered with whipped cream and strawberries. We were served a huge slice, and once again the three of us couldn't deal with it. If you like a heavy dessert, this one's for you. The Tiramisu ($3.50) was everyone's favorite -- lady-fingers soaked in cognac and covered with a creamy pudding, sprinkled with chocolate shavings. It was smooth, flavorful, and light. Dessert heaven!

As we waddled back to the car, we agreed that it might be nice to come back some day for a cup of coffee and more of that Tiramisu. For dinner, you can plan to spend at least $20 per person. If you're curious about the new look on the old Rosemont, you might want to try the Sunday brunch.

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**The Old St. Angela Inn** is convenient to many activities that you can walk to. The beach and a park, along with a jogging/bike trail are merely a block away. The famous Monterey Bay Aquarium is a short 10 minute walk, as well as Cannery Row and many factory outlet shops. if you wish to take a drive, the 17 Mile Drive, Carmel and Big Suire are minutes away. When you return to the Inn you will find waiting for you a nice selection of cheeses, salami and crackers along with your choice of tea, sherry, or wine.

It's often difficult selecting a restaurant when you're not familiar with the local fare. Then once you select a restaurant you have to find it. Marshall is quite familiar with the restaurants in the area and can make recommendations according to your cuisine of choice and budget. In fact he will make the reservations for you. There were many restaurants that are walking distance from the Inn, making it convenient and easy to find. We chose Pasta Mia for a nice casual evening of Italian fare. Other choices that were walking distance were Peppers and The Old Bath House along with many others.

If you're looking for a little night life, i.e. gay bar, **After Dark** on Lighthouse Avenue is a quick 10 minute drive. There is a back bar that is a video bar, an outdoor patio area with benches and two gas fire pits for warm friendly conversation, as well as a front disco bar. Even though the facility is very attractive the best part of our visit was bartender **Michael Fisher.** His friendliness and crazy antics made our visit a lot of fun, which is especially nice for out-of-towners. We felt included as part of the family rather than strangers in a strange town.

It is certainly clear why I give my highest recommendation to **The Old St. Angela Inn,** however Marshall and Curtis offer two other locations that are "gay friendly" as well. The **Del Monte Beach Inn** is primarily run by Curtis and is the place where Marshall, Curtis, and Dan reside. This European-style inn is located in the heart of downtown Monterey across the boulevard from Monterey Bay. The Inn was once used by whalers and now is the popular inn for European travelers, cyclists, scuba divers, and anyone who prefers an inexpensive accommodation. This inn is very social and you are likely to meet people from as many as four or five different countries in one evening. The cost is about half that of a B&B, however the rooms are very nice and an extended continental breakfast is served each morning. There is a large living room area with a smaller game room off to the side. This inn sleeps 45 people and allows pets and children.

If you think you would prefer the hustle-bustle of Carmel with all it's fine shops then perhaps the **Stonehouse Inn** would suit you best. This luxurious country house was built with hand-shaped stones by local Indians in 1906. The owner, Mrs. "Nana" Foster entertained such artists as Sinclair Lewis, Jack London and many others of whom guest rooms are named after. As you enter, you can't help but notice the breathtakingly large living room with it's sizable fireplace. Guests may also choose to sit in the intimate glass-enclosed front porch with comfortable seating or adjourn to the peaceful garden setting. Each room is decorated in soft colors and features antiques, fluffy quilts and pillows, fresh flowers, and fresh fruit. Each morning guests are treated to a generous breakfast. Some rooms have a view of the ocean and the Inn is two blocks away from the downtown shopping area. Your hosts are Craig and Karin Fraki, close friends of Marshall and Curtis. The rates here range from $90-$125.

For more information and/or reservations:

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## MGW PET PATTER

# Teeth, chew-sticks and dog biscuits

by Richard Sweetzer, DVM
OF MGW STAFF

If you watch TV regularly, I'm sure you've seen commercials that claim that your dog will have cleaner teeth if he eats the dog biscuits advertised. I've always been skeptical about this. I found it hard to believe that wolfing down a dog biscuit would really have a positive effect on a dog's teeth. But, recently I was thrilled to see an article addressing this subject in "The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association." The article titled, "Effect of Chewing Rawhide and Cereal Biscuits on Removal of Dental Calculus in Dogs" thrilled me for two reasons. First, it's one of those questions people ask that I don't have a good answer for, and second because the articles in the professional journals are rarely about practical subjects, that might be useful to an everyday veterinarian. Usually they publish articles like "Acute oxalate poisoning attributate to ingestion of curly dock in the domestic llama," which are of no interest to me. But, I digress.

The article about chewing rawhide and biscuits found that in dogs studied, they removed calculus (tartar) from their teeth by chewing rawhide; some teeth were cleaned better than others. It was determined that regular consumption of up to three rawhide strips per day for three weeks was safe. Dog biscuits were sometimes effective in removing tartar from dogs' teeth; however, biscuits were not as effective as the rawhide in removing tooth tartar.

So, the dog biscuit commercials are to be believed, but many dogs, especially small breeds, need more dental care, like periodic teeth cleaning at your veterinarian's or even daily teeth brushing. If you have doubts about your dog's teeth, make an appointment for Fido with his favorite veterinarian. Remember, rawhide has been shown to be an effective decay preventive dentifrous, which can be of significant value, when used with a program of oral hygiene and regular professional care.


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# Mountains of the Moon is a rousing good adventure story

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Here is an unexpected meeting of artist and subject: 1970's iconoclastic filmmaker Bob Rafelson ("King of Marvin Gardens," "Five Easy Pieces") directs an epic reminiscent of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Out of Africa," matching both in scope and ambition. In 1990, a film made for the particular visual splendor of the big screen and not the eventual home video market is remarkable indeed.

"Mountains of the Moon," based on actual journals and William Harrison's book "Burton and Speke," tells the story of Irish explorer Captain Sir Richard Burton. In 1854, he lived his dream to find the source of the Nile. Joining him and his large caravan is British John Hanning Speke, a man whose motives in the expedition were more vainglorious than Burton's. Their comradeship, with Speke's homosexuality revealed while he comforts Burton in delirious pain, is born from the bond of sharing thrilling and life threatening experiences. The ultimate betrayal of friends only enriches and redefines their relationship.

The voyage is physically horrible; there are moments very difficult to watch. No gruesome detail is omitted including the incident that left Burton's cheek severely scarred. Everywhere in Africa there is danger: thievery, murderous attacks by native tribes, animal vermin, and hungry lions. This is as far from the romanticism of "Out of Africa" as imaginable.

"Mountains of the Moon" is a ravishing movie, with Victorian England a sharp contrast to the harsh beauty of the African landscape. The crowd scenes in both England and East Africa and the lavish sets and costumes recreate a long gone era with loving detail.

Patrick Bergin plays Burton expertly. Burton was a legendary man, bigger than life. He spoke 23 languages, wrote 43 manuscripts about his travels and translated both "The Kama Sutra" and "The Arabian Nights." He was rumored to take part in sexual rituals of native people and was, at the very least, a man committed to sensual pleasure. Lain Glen sharply contrasts this movie hero type with his portrayal of the upper-class Speke. Both give tightly coiled performances of subtlety and depth. True to Hollywood form, Speke's homosexuality is given only passing reference. Fiona Shaw ("My Left Foot" is compelling as Burton's independent wife Isabel who, had she been born in another time, may very well have joined her husband in the wilds of Africa. The character of Isabel is shortchanged, and, like Katherine Ross' character in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," the women's role is submerged in favor of a male bonding adventure story.

The story ambles a bit and the script is occasionally overly dramatic. Bergin is saddled with several ponderous speeches at odd moments, in pain and peril people don't talk so much. But the strengths of this film easily outweigh its problems of scripting. Respect is due everyone involved for their ambition and commitment to a story worthy of David Lean or David Selznick.

Alas, "Mountains of the Moon" was not a moneymaker during its theatrical run in early 1990. Perhaps it will be discovered through the video market. It is a major accomplishment, and Rafelson deserves praise for illuminating the lives of two enigmatic men of the 19th century.■


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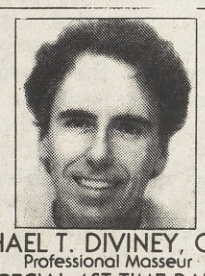

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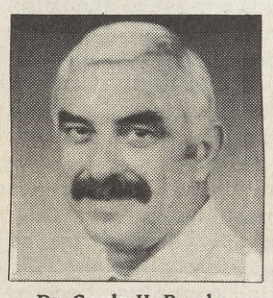

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## SACWN:

# Social/Career women's group has grown to 600 members!

By Denise Passarelli

SACWN, Sacramento Area Career Women's Network, is a social/career organization open to all women. It was founded six years ago by prominent Sacramento Attorney Rosemary Metrailer.

Metrailer initiated SACWN as an informal lesbian social network consisting of professional women who were interested in hearing good speakers and staging enjoyable as well as educational events. The group has expanded from eight to 10 women, according to Metrailer, to 600 members over the past six years since its inception.

Amanda Stennick, SACWN Newsletter Coordinator, joined SACWN approximately two years ago because she had friends already in the organization. "Friends of mine were members, and the women tended to be a little more reserved. It was a nice place to talk to people about their jobs, and there were some good speakers," Stennick said.

Although the organization's steady growth can be seen as a boon for the lesbian community in general, it may be a bane to the group itself because larger facilities for speakers and other planned events are correspondingly more expensive. Kate Moran, SACWN's special projects coordinator, explained that since larger facilities are more expensive, membership dues and event admissions have been increased to help defray the higher costs.

Rosanna Herber, steering committee coordinator, emphasized that there is a sliding scale for members on limited incomes, including seniors, students and disabled women.

In Herber's opinion the group is "striving toward diversity." Herber says she wants to network with the gay community and stage small events where gay men would be welcome, but not before she "finds out what the membership wants."

Herber also wants SACWN to become more involved in political issues that could affect Sacramento's gay and lesbian community. To this end, the group has gained membership to the Sacramento Town Council, formed to create and foster communication between gay and lesbian organizations in the capital. Although memberships in the Council places SACWN closer to the foreground in this city's gay and lesbian community, SACWN has chosen not to vote on issues the Council discusses and does not endorse political candidates.

SACWN's increased visibility as an organization also raise the question of its individual members coming out of the closet. According to Herber, the group's constitution guarantees anonymity for its members, and consequentially, SACWN can grant interviews to local gay publications, but declines being quoted in mainstream newspapers such as *The Sacramento Bee.*

"I think we need to come out as an organization; it's not as if nobody knows we exist. It's hypocritical to publicize in gay papers and not in other publications," Herber said.

Metrailer also wants SACWN "to be publicly known and respected" but acknowledges that confidentiality for the group's individual members must be maintained. "I have to try the best I can about the most serious issues people have and build in safeguards," Metrailer added.

Remy Ceci, marketing and advertising coordinator, says that although "there are varying opinions on the steering committee, SACWN as an organization ... is not openly admitting to what it is." Furthermore, Ceci believes that SACWN should be listed in the Sacramento phone directory under the gay and lesbian heading.

"There is no policy that SACWN should be closeted," Ceci said. "Oftentimes, things are done in the name of the membership. But the membership is changing," Ceci added.

To discover just who the current membership consists of, SACWN conducted a survey in 1989. But according to both Ceci and Stennick, the survey did not accurately reflect the present membership. However, according to Metrailer, although the survey was not professionally designed, it did provide valuable information, including the fact that about 59 percent (of the members responding to the survey) did not want SACWN to be political."

Despite the relatively good response to the survey, Stennick and Ceci both concurred that there is a sense of alienation between the steering committee and the general membership. "Maybe nobody ever thought that there should be a membership coordinator. No one interfaces with the membership. The steering committee can even be elected by mail-in ballot," Ceci said.

Metrailer disapproves of the group having a liaison to the steering committee because she believes that communication between the general membership and the committee would suffer if it had to be channelled through one person. Instead, she would like to see the various subcommittees have larger memberships in order to better represent the organization as a whole.

SACWN is moving forward, according to Ellie Zacks, special interest group coordinator, who believes the organization is "in a period of transition right now. I think SACWN is a wonderful opportunity for women to network. However, some women may miss out on the opportunity to meet other women in the organization because they may be intimidated by a large group," Zacks said.

Metrailer said she would like to see more "dances, events, more outreach to Third World women. Non-white women who come to our events are in the minority ... as they are frequently in their lives in Sacramento."

As an organization with over 600 differing opinions and expectations, SACWN is bound to go through some growing pains and internal disagreements. This period of transition can be a beneficial experience for the group and its leadership as it moves into the 90s and becomes more visible in Sacramento's gay and lesbian community. SACWN is one of this city's main options for lesbians to network, learn and enjoy the company of other lesbians in a supportive environment.

Ellie Zacks, Rosemary Metrailer, Amanda Stennick, Sally Rydell, Susan Goodrich, Joanna Cassese, Remy Ceci. Photo by Denise Passarelli

The next event is September 21, Friday at 6:30pm at the Clarion Hotel at 16th and H St. The title of event is **Love Lesbian Style,** an evening of the **Dating Game** and the **Newlywed Game.** SACWN members are needed to participate in the show, call Susan Goodrich, 451-9691, if you're a brave one!!

RSVP for evening by calling Linda Killick 486-8985. To join SACWN, dues are $35/year, mail your check to Box 661332, Sacramento, 95816.■

## SACWN:
# Making relationships work

by Linda Birner
OF MGW STAFF

For lesbians involved in relationships, one of the big questions is how to make that relationship work and how to make it successful.

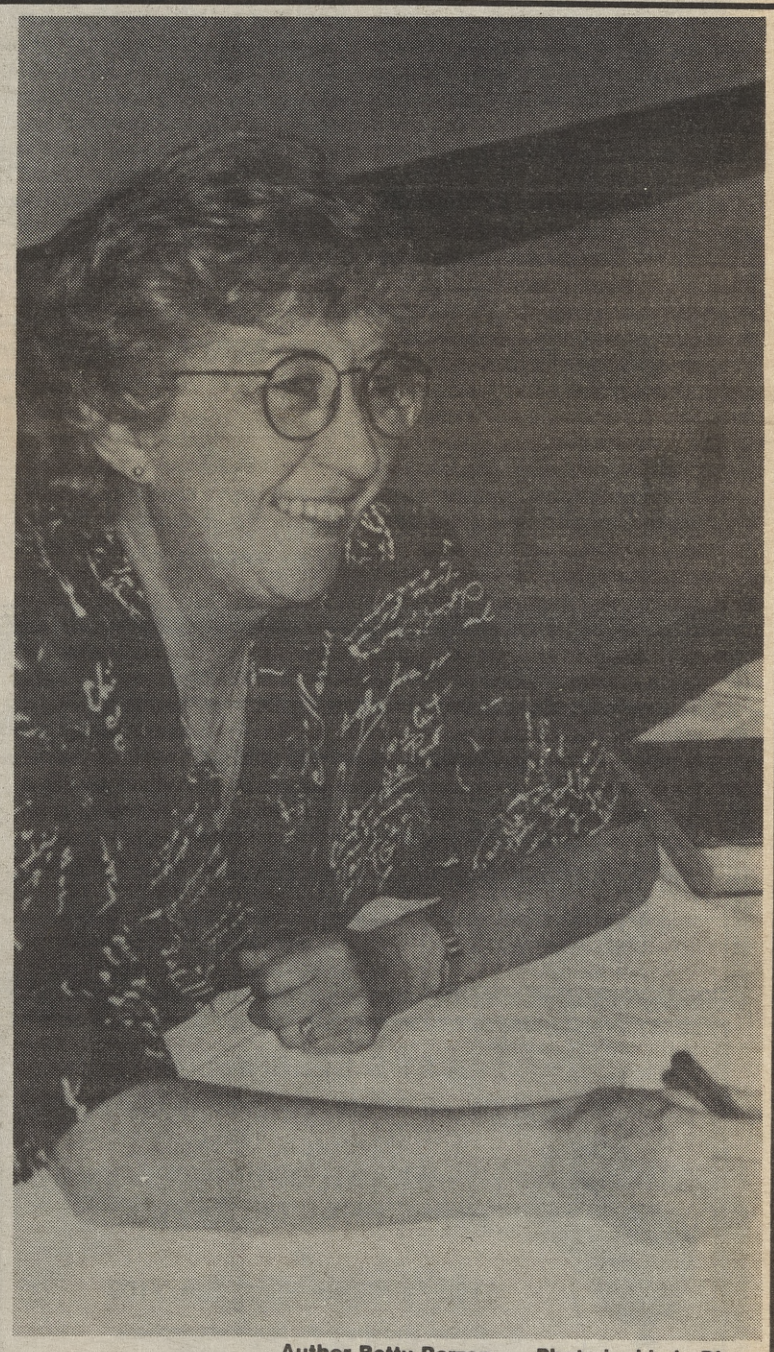
Dr. Betty Berzon, author of Permanent Partners, was recently in Sacramento at a well-attended seminar sponsored by SACWN. She specifically addressed building successful lesbian relationships.

She acknowledged the difficulty of establishing permanent relationships, especially when there are so few lesbian/gay elders to use as role models. She said "We don't see couples who've been together 30-40 years, so we don't have reminders of successful relationship." there are also the obvious lack of social and legal sanctions for lesbian marriages/permanent relationships.

Berzon indicated some typical signs found in relationships which haven't committed to permanence. One is the "afraid to fight" syndrome which comes from feeling the relationship is fragile. Another is considering your relationship as an affair. An affair makes the statement you are attractive to someone, and might also be attractive to others. Monogamy, on the other hand, creates no escape when the going gets rough. Another interesting signal is how you deal with money/finances. If you are splitting everything down the middle, that may indicate a reluctance to commit, while pooling money makes a statement of permanence.

Berzon offered some suggestions for building blocks to help make your relationship work. It's crucial for you to allow your partner to be different. Be sure you know where your partner begins and you end. Make each other empowered legally by signing Powers of Attorney, finalizing your wills, drawing up Living Wills.

Dr. Berzon encourages keeping the flow of information open between you and your partner. "Keep no secrets, be open with each other," she stated. "Be willing to hear what is being said and be willing to make changes or adjustments as your lives progress together."■



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# Stockton draws 70 people for Coming Together Picnic

By Sally Miller
GUEST WRITER

They came in all ages and from all occupations. Talking with strangers and soon-to-be friends, some were hesitant at first to reach out but they soon shared information on job hopes and softball bruises, ambitions and concerns. Someone announced that it was the best event she had ever attended anywhere. By any standard, a momentous happening took place in Stockton on Sunday, August 5. Longtime area residents and newcomers, younger folk and old-timers all had that delighted reaction to the first annual Coming Together Picnic. The potluck/barbeque was sponsored by the Alternative Connection for Women of the Valley, a new group. It was a first, at least as far back as anyone could remember. The all-day picnic in Victory Park, featuring food, chatting and games, was held in a grove of trees on a typical, hot Valley day. The event drew about 70 women of all backgrounds, including college students, retirees and everyone in between. Many were from Stockton, others were from smaller cities in the Valley, and a few were even from San Jose, Walnut Creek, and other further away towns.

The gathering started at 11am as women arrived with food and drink. The location was recognized by the gaily colored streamers of appropriate hues hung from the trees. By early afternoon, the eating and networking began, followed by small group discussion and then a little football. Those who attended with friends and those who arrived by themselves seemed to connect with one another in what was a friendly and comfortable atmosphere. The women exchanged details on their jobs and families, on lovers and children, and found that they had much in common. As the first hours went by, it was clear that feelings of celebration and connectedness were in the air. These were feelings new to the Valley. In fact some women were heard sharing memories of how many years they had lived here in isolation. So women who had never connected or had only lately been able to do so rejoiced over the turnout and over the idea of future networking.

Several women voiced their need to have gathering places to meet outside the bar scene. One woman, Shirley, hoped that this event would lead at once to an ongoing organization through which events and activities would be scheduled on a regular basis for all interested women. She said that ideally this Stockton-based group could be patterned after SACWN, which has been a very active organization in Sacramento over the last six years. A woman named Cris remarked that these events would only get bigger and better. Someone else, Robin, agreed that inevitably as more women in the area hear about the group, more people will get involved and more ideas will be generated. Another, Sally, noted that while there are apparently some low-visibility groups in the area, a public group such as those in more metropolitan areas would really answer a local need. Another emphasized the obvious willingness to share their lives that everyone felt. And, finally, someone commented on how good it was to have children present, reminding the women that they are mothers, too.

The enthusiasm that exploded that afternoon was especially gratifying to the ad hoc committee which had planned the event. Some women, including Shirley Perreira, Robin Petersen, R. Danielson, Cris Shuldberg, this writer and a few others, had begun to meet last March to discuss the possibility of organizing some type of Stockton-based group for lesbians. While many from the area routinely attend events sponsored by SACWN or Camping Women in Sacramento, BACW in the Bay Area, and other outlying groups, everyone had a strong feeling that there ought to be some alternative social group for Stockton and the Valley. The committee agreed that they were all tired of always traveling elsewhere for events, and that establishing a group here seemed an idea whose time had come. Also, everyone felt there probably were numbers of women, either couples or singles, in the area who had not been able to find others. So the planning committee had two goals: first, to establish a group in the Valley, and secondly, to reach out to hard-to-reach women.

Judging by the mood on August 5, the committee had certainly responded to a local need. The assembled women made it clear that they want some organized events. They agreed that they would enjoy sharing day trips and musical events, potlucks and speakers, sports activities and dances. The committee agreed to continue to meet to plan the next event, and everyone present was invited to make their voices heard and to participate in the occasional Tuesday evening meetings. The next event to be sponsored by the Alternative Connection will take place in the early fall. For information about it or to attend the planning meetings, anyone interested should call the Alternative Connection at 941-2611.

All in all, the future seems promising to these women of the Valley. The Alternative Connection is sinking roots, and in September a local newspaper will begin publishing "Stockton Gay Pride News," another first. Stockton and the Valley are at last getying on the map. And in August, it was a Sunday in the park to remember.■

# National health conference looks at pressing issues

The largest annual international conference concerning lesbian and gay health issues, the 12th Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 8th National AIDS Forum, convened in Washington D.C. July 18-22. The conference was co-spnrsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center.

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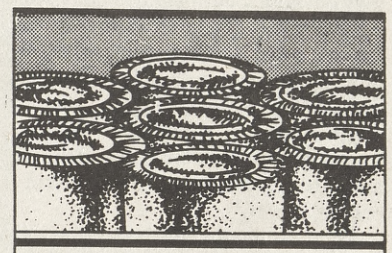
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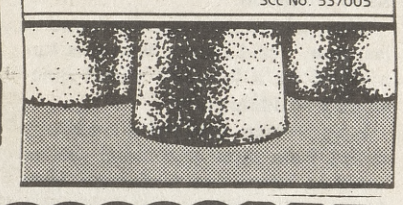

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# 2,000 Lesbians live out fantasies at festival

By Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

CAMP TOWANGA, CA -- 2,000 women took the chance to live out lesbian fantasies at the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival this past Labor Day weekend.

Whether it was the "laid-back" California lifestyle at the private campground near Yosemite National Park or a lower-than-usual attendance, the S/M controversy that marred the Michigan festival didn't even surface.

The two well-attended S/M workshops raised no eyebrows even though there were rumors of a private "how-to, hands-on" one hidden in the woods.

Politics seemed to be at the bottom of a long list of activities at the five-day retreat.

For the participants, the "Women's Woodstock" was a chance to hook up with old friends, relax by the pool and play out both long-imagined fantasies.

Amy Farrell, 30, and K.O. Gawa, 32, dressed up in Celtic costumes that included metal wrist gauntlets, fur leggings and five-foot swords and staves.

Their fantasy culminated with an invitation to join Two Nice girls on stage during the song "She-Ra, Princess of Power."

"This costume and festival makes me feel free to express the uncivilized part of my nature," said Gawa.

The mock jousting match by the pre-medieval apparations from Three Rivers, was the one of high points of Saturday night.

Teri Parker, 29, and Jay Caldera, 25, took their fantasy in the opposite direction.

These two women from Turlock, chose to be married in white wedding gown and formal tuxedo under a gazebo that same afternoon.

"We've been thinking about it since last year," said Parker, who was surrounded by a formally attired nine-woman wedding party.

Fifty women attended a ceremony culled from three traditional sets of wedding vows and performed by a Metropolitan Community Church minister.

And that was just the beginning for the couple.

"We plan to be here every year for our anniversary," added Caldera.

For the women attending Robbi "Pleasures" Sommers workshop on erotic writing, it was a chance to get down and dirty as Sommers played the teacher-dominatrix to the audience's fantasy of the schoolroom.

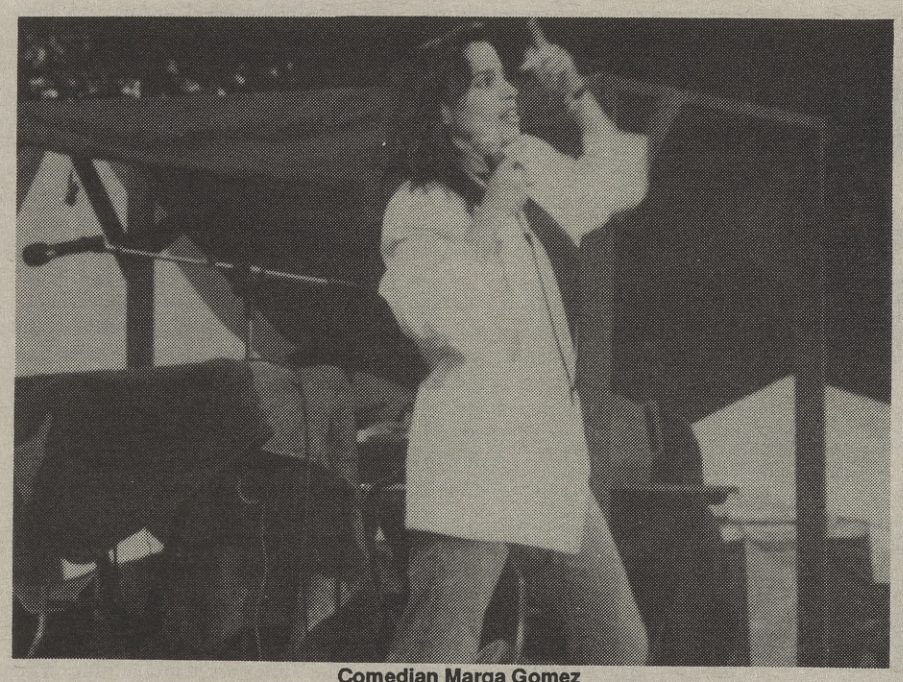
Raising her T-shirt, one woman from the audience offered Sommers "two very special apples" while another yelled out that she'd do anything to be "teacher's pet."

Sommers took it all in stride as she handed out sheets of paper for an erotic exercise that included describing a chosen partner's face -- and one's own labias.

When the papers were returned with names and phone numbers included, Sommers found she had enough candidates to keep her in "students" for years.

Fantasies aside, there was more than enough to choose from at the wooded resort for the carloads of women who braved the burnt-out hills and a 100-mile drive into the mountains.

More than 40 performers kept four separate stages rocking with everything from music and comedy to theater and poetry.



Comedian Marga Gomez
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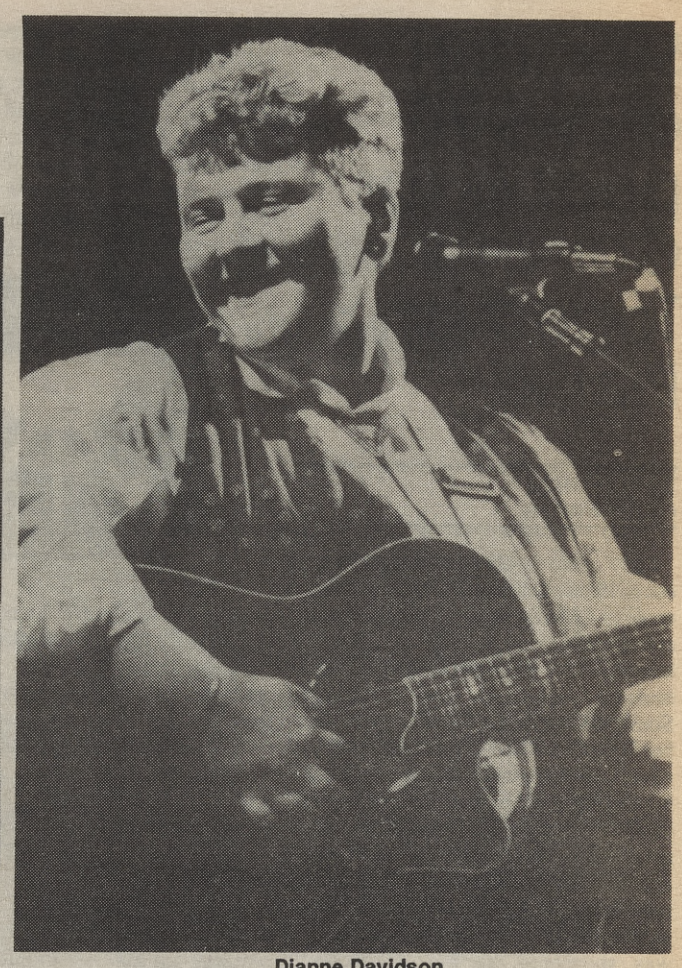

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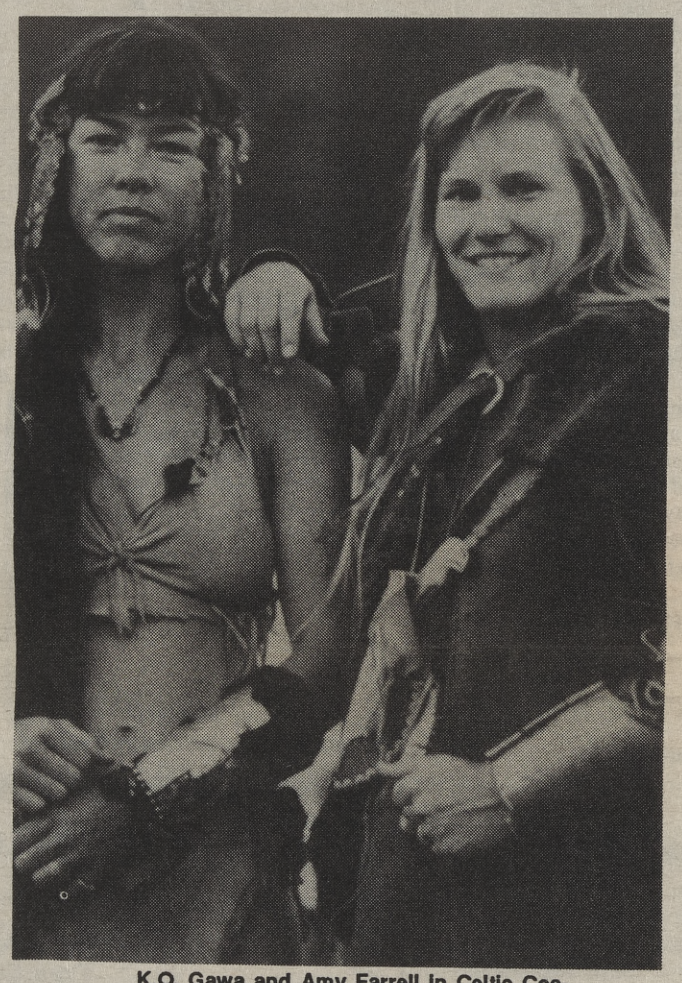

K.O. Gawa and Amy Farrell in Celtic Costumes. Photo by June Parlett

Events on the day stage started at 10am and went on till early evening.

New-lez folk artist Jamie Anderson kept everyone laughing with songs like "Why Do Straight Girls Look So Butch to Me?"

Performance artist S. Diane Bogus, author for "Dyke Hands," showed the audience that poetry could be as exciting as any other art form.

At night, women's bands like jazz-oriented Blazing Redheads, high-camp BETTY, Blues chanteuse Kimberly Miller and heavy-metalers Jane Doe kept everyone rocking despite the cold night air.

Women also could choose from two dances -- a clean and sober one with music by Second Wind and a country-western special by Donna E.

During the day, more than 40 workshops covered everything from healing with crystals by Diane, "All Women Are Healers," Stein to grass roots organizing by Jean Harris, aide to gay San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt and butch-femme roles by Jeanne "Kicking the Habit" Cordova.

With 1,000 less women than usual, lines for meals and showers were shorter, frustration didn't run as high as it has in the past and tempers didn't flare as easily.

Robin Tyler, festival producer, said she expected a slow turnout this year.

According to Tyler, there were three reasons for the low numbers:

* A fire that closed Yosemite two weeks earlier;

* The Gay Games were held in Vancouver, B.C. a week earlier;

* A major West Coast clean-and-sober conference that same weekend.

"The drop isn't enormous," said Tyler. But she admitted the festival lost one-sixth of the 120-person workforce that keeps food and services going at the mini-city.

"Despite being short-handed, the volunteers did a great job."

For Tyler, who managed to keep her humor throughout, the festival must have seemed like one crisis after another.

A water shut-off that lasted nearly a day left the kitchen staff melting ice cubes for cooking and coffee.

A woman who broke her ankle in the middle of the night had to be rushed to a local hospital.

At least one woman had to be asked to leave.

And Tyler -- the woman with the cowboy hat, walkie-talkie and go-cart -- was "the buck-stops-here" for every problem.

But for women like E.J. Daniel, a first-time festival goer, the event represented the best the lesbian community has to offer.

"It showed me that we can be more than we ever thought we could be," said Daniel, 39, a registered nurse from Denver.■


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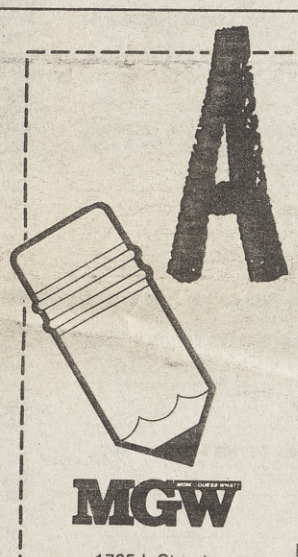


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## September

### 15 Saturday

►**Joseph's Town Country** Dignity 15th Anniversary Pool Party, 2pm; dinner to follow. 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**Journey to Self-Mastery,** Workshops by Ariel Tomioka, 9am-5:30pm, El Rancho Hotel, 4120 Chiles Rd, Davis. 1-800-765-4354.

►**Crosby, Stills and Nash,** Cal Expo Amphitheatre, 7:30pm. Tickets available through BASS.

►**Outdoor Adventures Yuba River Camping Trip,** through Sunday, Sept. 16. 644-4170 for details.

►**Fabulous Flea Market & Food Bazaar,** River City Democratic Club, 7am-3pm, McKinley Park. To donate food, merchandise or rent space call 925-4667.

### 16 Sunday

►**Grand Duke & Duchess Installation,** buffet & show. 6pm Faces, $5. 421-3134.

►**Prosperity and Money Meeting** Church of Enthusiasm and Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, St. 11. 456-5685, 489-7503.

►**Jessica Williams,** Piano Concert, 7pm, Melarkey's Place, 1517 Broadway, 444-0671.

►**Survivor Workshop,** by Mike Lew, M.ED. for men survivors of child sexual abuse, $75 (scholarships available), 9am-4:30pm. Capitol Plaza Hall, 1025 9th St, 974-1571 for info.

### 17 Monday

►**Live Poets Society presents "Loose Lips,"** Drago's Cafe & Gallery, 2326 K Street, 443-2669.

### 18 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** every Tuesday, 10pm, Cable Ch. 63.

►**PFLAG,** 2391 St. Marks Way, 7:30pm; speaker: Will Green, M.D., 444-9510.

►**Politics & Potluck,** 6:30pm, RCDC meeting, Lambda Center, 20th and L, 927-2029.

►**River City Billiards League,** every Tuesday. Practice 6pm, play 7:30pm; 962-1349 for more info.

### 19 Wednesday

►**Bonnie Raitt,** Cal Expo Amphitheatre, 7:30pm. Tickets available through BASS.

### 20 Thursday

►**Phil Collins,** 8pm, Arco Arena. Tickets available through BASS.

►**"Being Gay Today," every Thursday, Cable Channel 63, 9pm.**

►**A Business in Your Home,** workshop. Small Business Development Center, 1787 Tribute Rd., Suite A, 6:30-9pm, 920-7949.

### 21 Friday

►**Lynn Lavner,** 8pm, Faces, 2000 K Street, $10 advance, $12 door; 448-7798.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Anne Akiko Meyers, violin; Carter Nice, conductor, 8pm; Sat.-Sun. performance 3pm; 649-0200.

►**14th Annual Blues Festival,** thru Sunday, Old Sacramento, 443-7815.

►**Networking Program,** "Dating Game," "Newlywed Game." Tickets $8, $10, $12; 486-8985.

►**How to Remember Your Dreams,** Church of Enthusiasm and Joy, 2755 Cottage Wy., Ste. 11, 456-3685, 489-7503.

►**Love Lesbian Style,** Clarion Hotel, 700 16th St., 451-9691.

### 22 Saturday

**Western Dance**

►**Western Dance & Celebration,** Frank Lawler's 40th Birthday Party, a benefit for the Sacramento Men's Chorus, Beach Lake Preserve, 7-11pm. Tickets $10 advance, $15 at the gate. Tickets available at MGW, 441-6397.

►**Lady Garnett & the Do-Cats,** Variety Show, 9pm, JTC, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**22 on the Road,** Dinner/Dance to benefit the Horizons Foundation in San Francisco. Call (415) 441-3651 for tickets.

►**AIDS benefit,** Greek Theatre, Berkeley, $25.

►**Lucie Blue Tremblay,** The Palms, Davis, 7pm and 9:30pm, $9.50. 442-4657 for tickets.

►**Outdoor Adventures,** Bodega Bay Bicycling Weekend, 644-4170.

### 23 Sunday

►**Lynn Lavner,** Leather, Matlos & Music, DeFrank Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 8pm. 408-293-AGAY.

►**Imperial Bingo,** Proceeds to SAF Client Svcs, Faces, 5pm, 421-3134.

►**Eighth Annual Elly Awards,** Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street, 7pm, 925-3303.

## October

### 1 Monday

►**Dialogue with RCDC** Impact of Sacramento City/County Consolidation on gays/lesbians. 6:30pm Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street.

### 2 Tuesday

►**Monthly Court Meeting,** 7pm, Faces, 421-3134.

### 5 Friday

►**Desert Women's Assoc.** 4th Annual Palm Springs Area Gay Pride & Country Fair, (619) 346-1612 or (619) 343-2207; through Oct. 8.

### 6 Saturday

►**Benefit Concert,** Open Road, Sierra Two Center for the Arts, 2791 24th Street, 448-2437.

►**White Elephant Fair & Sale,** Sacto. Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10am-5pm, 487-6151, 487-5898.

►**Mask Making workshop** I.D.E.A., 9am-5pm, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

►**Diane Davidson,** The Palms, Davis, 8pm, 442-4657.

### 10 Wednesday

►**Sacramento Symphony League,** luncheon & fashion show, 852-1760.

### 12 Friday

►**Sacramento Symphony Pops** Cab Calloway, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts, 649-0200, thru August 13.

### 13 Saturday

►**Judy Fjell,** The Palms, Davis, 8:30pm, 442-4657.

►**California Native Plant Society Plant Sale,** 9am-3pm, Sac State University.

►**Dianne Davidson,** Berkeley Freight & Salvage, 415-548-1761.

### 14 Sunday

►**Dianne Davidson,** Nevada City Herb shop, 415-655-0364.

### 19 Friday

►**Dance Deco,** Jazzworks 9th season, 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th, 8pm, 483-4017; thru Nov. 3.

►**Holly Near,** 8:30pm, special performance at Crest Theatre, 442-4657.

### 25 Thursday

►**Lambda Awards Dinner,** El Dorado Room, Sac Community Center, 6:30pm. Nominations wanted for contributions to Sac lesbian/gay community, deadline Sept. 30. 447-0661.

### 26 Friday

►**Reading by Nona Caspers,** Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 7pm, 442-4657.

### 27 Saturday

►**Hellfire II, Masquerade Ball,** 8pm-1am, Lincoln Plaza Atrium, 3rd & P sts. Tickets at Lambda Center, Gifted Gardener, Howe Ave. Box Office, Community Center Box Office.


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## November

### 1 Thursday

►**Awards Presentation and Dinner,** Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission, Sacramento Hilton Inn, reception 6pm, dinner 7pm. 444-6903.

### 2 Friday

►**Kate Clinton,** Crest Theater, 974-1571.

### 10 Saturday

►**Coronation 1990,** "The Glitz & Glamour on a Vegas Stage," Modesto, 1-(209)-552-2897.

### 23 Friday

►**Sixth Annual Dixon Christmas Faire,** Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First Street, Dixon, 678-5529, thru Sunday.

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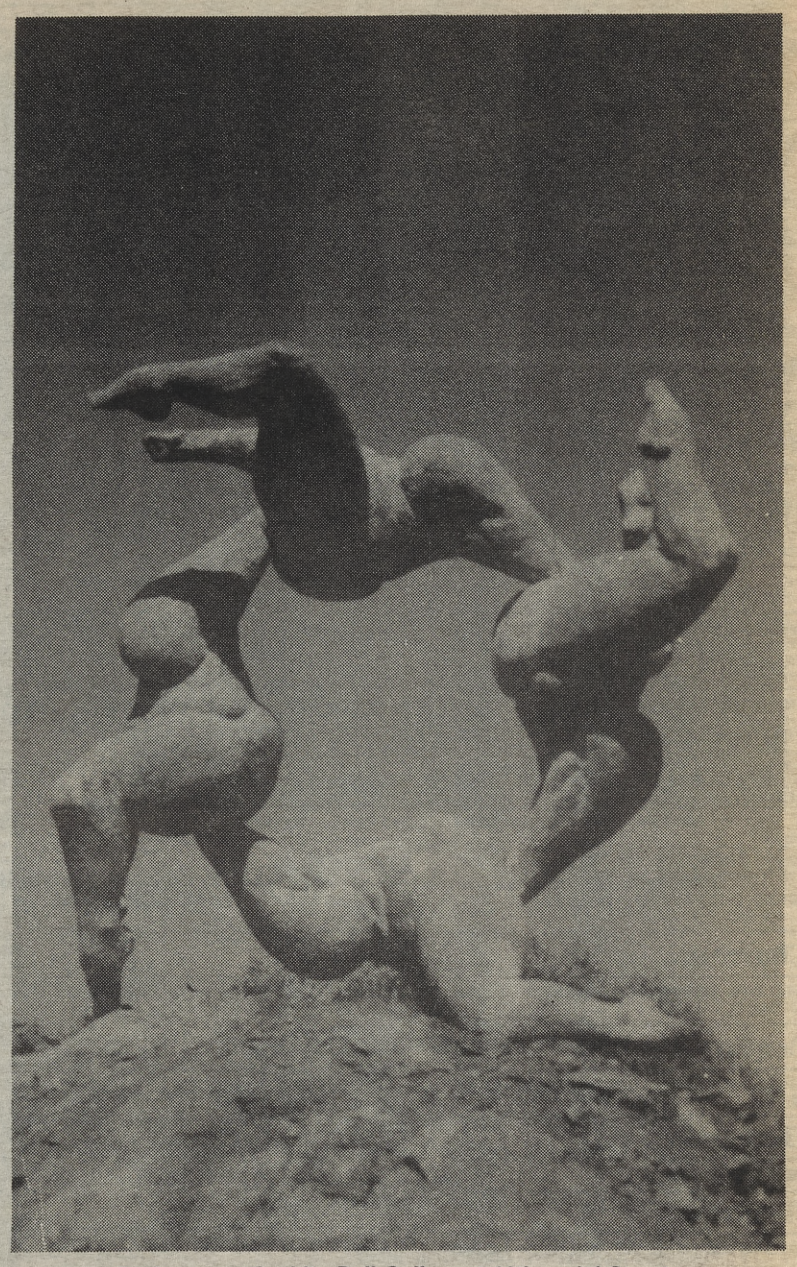
**thru Sept. 16** —*Les Miserables,* Curran Theatre, 450 Geary St., S.F.; call Ticketron for tickets.
**thru Sept. 22** — *The Unexpected Guest,* Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd.
**thru Sept. 16** — *A Chorus Line,* Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Rd, Oakland, (415) 531-9597.
**thru Sept. 29** — *An Evening with Mark Twain,* Delta King, Old Sac, 8:30pm, Fri/Sat, 444-KING.
**thru Sept. 30** — Woodland Opera House, 1990-91 season, *The Drunkard,* 666-9617.
**thru Oct. 1 (Mondays only)** — *Shattered Secrets,* Transformation Theater, Golden Gate Lutheran Church, 601 Dolores St. at 19th St., S.F., (415) 236-4383.
**thru Oct. 6** *Steel Magnolias,* 8pm, Sun. 2:30pm, The Show Below, 2130 L St, Sac; reservations 446-2787.
**thru Oct. 6** — *Burn This,* Offstage Theater Co., Fri/Sat 8pm, 4623 T Street, 452-2032.
**thru Oct. 7** —*Driving Miss Daisy,* Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St, 443-6722.
**thru Oct. 7** — Theatre Rhinoceros presents *Roy,* a world premiere by Joel Ensana, 2926 16th St, S.F. 1-415-861-5079 for info.
**thru Oct. 14** — *Groucho: A Life in Review,* Chautauqua's Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-7529.
**thru Oct. 16** — *A Chorus Line,* Woodminster Amphitheater 3300 Joaquin Miller Rd., Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland, 415-531-9597.
**thru Oct. 26 (Fridays only)** RSVP Improvisational Comedy Theater, 8pm, The Guild Coffee House, SW Corner 35th & Broadway, Sac, 442-RSVP.
**Sept. 15-Oct. 14** — *Mensch Meier,* Eureka Theatre Co., 2730 16th St. at Harrison, S.F.; W-Sat. 8pm, Sun 2pm; (415) 647-4477.
**Sept. 16, 17** — *Tosca,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.
**Sept. 20** — *Gold's Fool,* Stage Two season opener, Sacramento Theatre Co., 8pm, Thurs.-Sat., 1419 H Street, 446-7501.
**Sept. 21** — *Body Leaks,* Omaha Magic Theatre, 8pm, CSUS University Theatre, 6000 J Street, 278-6617.
**Sept. 22-Oct. 14** — *On Tina Tuna Walk,* Lambda Players of Sac, 1931 L Street, 8:15pm, 442-0185.
**Sept. 22-Oct. 21** — *1990 Street of Dreams,* Los Cerros Community in Folsom, 10am-9pm daily, $6, 362-3342.
**Sept. 25-Nov. 4** — *The Lisbon Traviata,* Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., S.F., 415-474-3800 for info.
**Oct. 6** — Woodland Opera House, *Flamenco Fantastico,* 666-9617 for info.
**Oct. 12-28** — *Charley's Aunt,* American River College, 484-8338, 484-8433.
**Oct. 19-20** — *Don Quixote,* Community Center Theater, 14th & L Streets, 443-7827.
**Oct. 26-Nov. 18** — *Heartbreak House,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 443-6722.
**Oct. 26-Dec. 2** — *Requiem for a Heavyweight,* 5323 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-7529.
**Oct. 30-Nov. 4** —*Desert Song,* Music Circus Winter Season, 1419 H St, 446-5880.
**Nov. 10-Dec. 9** — *Shadow of a Man,* Eureka Theatre Co, 2730 16th St. at Harrison, S.F.; W-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; (415) 558-9898.
**Nov. 10-Dec. 15** — *Picture Me,* Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, S.F.; Wed-Sun 8pm; (415) 861-5079.
**Nov. 16, 18, 19** — *The Gypsy Baron,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.
**Nov. 16-Jan. 5, 1991** — *Crazy Rhythms,* Tunes from the Jazz Age through Swing, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., R.C., 985-6361.
**Dec. 7-28** — *A Christmas Carol,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 443-6722.
**Jan. 12-Feb. 16** — *Hidden: A Gender,* Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, S.F.; W-Sun. 8pm; (415) 861-5079.
**Feb. 26-March 24, 1991** — *The Good Person of Setzuan,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.
**March 1, 3, 4, 1991** — *The Tales of Hoffman,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.



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## Art Galleries

**thru Sept. 21** — Peace, Kyung OK Kim, 8th solo exhibit, CSUS Exhibit Lounge, University Union, 2nd floor, 278-7911, 278-6595.
**thru Sept. 28** — Dito Gallery special exhibition for Hope House, 1724 L St, 441-3486.
**thru Sept. 29** — Michael Himovitz Gallery, Morie Camhi: The Prison Experience; Al Farrow: Heads; Phoebe Gloeckner, Aline Kominsky-Crub, Drystine Kryttre, Diane Noomin, Carol Tyler: Five Twisted Sisters Bring Bad Girl Art to Sacramento; 1020 10th St.. Reception Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30pm.
**thru Sept. 29** — Sculpture of Jeff Tritel, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm, Lite Rail Gallery, 918 12th St, 441-1013.
**thru Sept. 30** — Gravity Spot Cafe & Gallery, A Vision of the Spirit, Creative Healing & Goddess Imagery thru Photography by Irene Young, 1136 Valencia St, S.F. 415-654-3846, 282-4271.
**thru Sept. 30** — North & South America's Best, Maria Guilhermina & Jim McVicker, Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Sept. 8, 7-9pm.
**thru Sept. 30** — Sacramento Children's Museum "Sacramento Architecture," hands-on exhibit, 1322 O St, 447-8017 for exhibit hours/fees.
**thru Sept. 30** — Pat Jenkins, Clay Sculpture, Lite Rail Gallery, 11am-5pm, Tues-Sat, 441-1013.
**thru Oct. 21** — Crocker Art Museum, Manuel Neri: Bronzes, Ose Gallery in the Pavilion, 216 O St.
**thru Nov. 4** — Folk Treasures from Mexico, highlights of the Nelson Rockefeller Collection, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
**thru Nov. 4** — Rural Traditions: El Dia de los Muertos, Hansen Library Foyer, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
**thru Nov. 4** — OFRENDAS, (altars for Dia De Los Muertos celebration), Discovery Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
**thru Nov. 15** — Diego Rivera Drawings: Mexico & California, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
**thru Dec. 2** — Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
**thru Jan. 5** — "Women and the Railroad," Calif. Railroad Museum, 111 I St, 10am-5pm daily, 324-4724.
**Sept. 15-Oct. 22** — Himovitz Gallery/Pavilions celebrate Mexico's Independence from Spain, Carol Licon, Daniel & Linda De Los Reyes, art of the Huichol Indians, 550 Pavilions Lane.
**Sept. 15-Oct. 30** — Crocker Art Museum, Mexican Folk Art, 449-5423.
**Sept. 22-Nov. 2** — Public Arts Concepts, Collaborations with Alonzo Davis, I.D.E.A. Gallery, 3414 4th Ave, 452-0949.
**Sept. 27** — Fiesta del Crocker, 5:30pm-dusk, Crocker Art Museum Courtyard. Live salsa/jazz, food, 444-7500 for tickets.
**Sept. 30** — Matrix 10th Annual Studio Tour, 1725 I St. 11am-5pm, 441-4818 for maps, info.
**Oct. 2-27** — Mark Bullwinkle: Welded steel sculpture; Arthur Gonzales: Drawings of Purgatory & Limbo; M. Louise Stanley: Drawings & Paintings. Reception Sat, Oct. 6 6:30-8:30pm; Tues-Sat, 11am-4:30pm; Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th Street, 448-8723.
**Nov. 17-Jan 30, 1991** — California Modernism, Library Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
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# MGW MOM...GUESS WHAT! 's Pull-Out Section

## MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

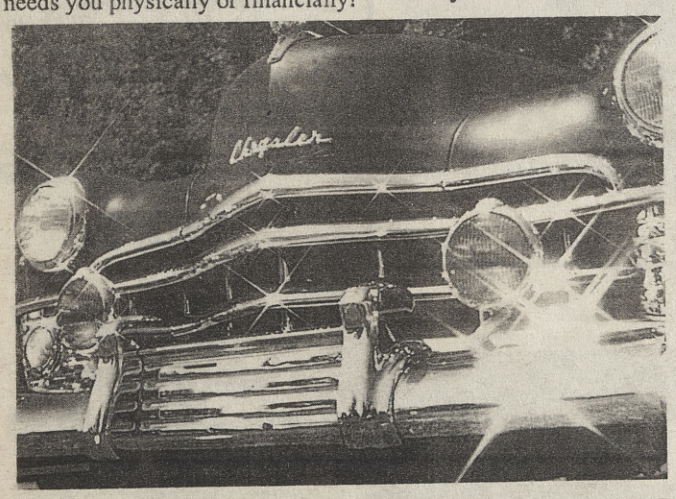
*(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)*

A friend (an international friend) who attended the **Gay Games** in Vancouver shared some of his feelings with me. He came away with such a natural high. Just hearing about it gave me goose bumps all over! The city welcomed the women and men of our community with open arms. Attendees could ride the municipal buses for free. Government officials welcomed the teams. Comraderie and solidarity were two of the reasons for the phenomenal week. On a local and somewhat smaller scale, let's continue the tradition of the games ● It's great to see a chapter of the **National Organization for Women** (NOW) at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). Stop by the Women's Resource Center on the campus to join ● Happy one year anniversary wishes to **William Crews** and **Michael Dennis.** This happy couple thinks so much alike that they bought each other identical gifts! And moving ahead a few years **Jeff Spicer** and **Chuk Lowry** just celebrated number six. They attribute their success to subtle glances, complete devotion and never being separated ● **SAD!** What can we say when a treasured organization within the community faces severe budget cuts? The **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** (SAF) has been reduced significantly. Ironically this comes at a time when new clients are at an all time high. Watching Sacramento AIDS cases catch up with other cities has been alarming. Now is the time to lend a hand, especially if you have put off doing so in the past. SAF needs you physically or financially!

delightful. Organizations of every description were visible as were people of every description. Later in the evening, the energy intensified as the Labor Day **crowd** rejoiced in some long awaited carefree abandon.

**& the Do Cats** will be putting on a spectacular variety show on September 22. The next time you need a big space, you might consider JTC's banquet room or even the Lanai. And **Faces** and the **Lambda Community Center** should receive many thanks for giving us a great reason to stay in town! ..... While breezing through the Lambda Center's fourth anniversary "High Tea," once again it was great to sample some culinary delights donated by the **Town House.** Do note that the House is open for dinner seven nights a week ..... **Ernie Brown** over at the **Mercantile** has chartered a bus for his annual trek to the **Renaissance Faire.** It all happens on Sunday morning September 23. A week later (September 30) **La Kish Hayworth, Daddy Bob** and **Mother Marlene** are planning the first annual **Tricycle Race and Auction.** Mark finally, will **Helena Holiday** be singing at "G.E.T. I.T." on September 28 and 29? ● The court system is quite impressive in the south state. San Diego's re-elect **Empress Nicole** campaign had **Assemblyman Peter Chacon** as its honorary chairman! This is definitely progress with local elected officials! ● Catch this while the catching is still good. SAF's next **Buddy Connection/90,** safe sex workshop is October 12. This fun-filled play/workshop is a must for every sexually active male or those that wanna be! ● Last time I promised to share some Russian River moments. I was literally dragged to the river three times this summer.On the big "SMC and friends" trip **Stephen Crow** convinced me to do things that were certainly against my better judgment. Wearing a grass skirt practically "ala natural" for example. I was forced into the middle of games that I naively did not know the rules. And finally, when travelling to the redwoods, take along your girl scout outfit and your MGW T-shirt. Doors will open everywhere you go ● Until next time, take your next step .....

***--John***■



● Gay men and classic cars just seem to go together. So it stands to reason that we were well represented at the **Capital Concours d'Elegance.** Kudos to co-chairman **Tom Lease** (Is that a car name or what!) on a glittering preview party and successful event ● There's a great deal happening with the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** (SMC) and too little space. For now though, keep in mind two fun events. **Frank Lawler's** 40th Birthday Party on September 22 and the Halloween bash at the Lincoln Plaza Atrium on October 27 -- A funny and talented musician **Lynn Lavner** is coming to Faces on September 21. This woman is a must-see. Get your tickets early ● While my work schedule allowed me to see only a short bit of the annual **Rainbow Festival,** what I saw was your calendars as these races are always a scream ..... It's hard to keep up with the changes at the **Buffalo Club.** With the renovations it looks even bigger. **Bartender Pam** with her beauteous ta ta's is looking good as she has lost 25 pounds (and what a sensual dancer). Stop by and check out the place ..... The **Wreck Room** features classic music of the 50s, 60s and 70s with Doug every Wednesday. The Wreck Room is also a good place to find out what's happening with the **Sacramento Leather Association** (SLA). It's a great way to dabble in rawhide ..... **Joseph's Town & Country** (JTC) has so much happening in September, it's hard to know where to start! First off, the best dinner deal in town is now on a new day. "Two for one dinners" are offered on Thursdays. **Lady Garnett**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photos, many in color and reviews. Over 1000 current videos are reviewed and rated. Performers, producers and directors are profiled. Wholesale, retail and mail order sources are listed in an extensive index. Cross references make it possible to locate specific videos according to theme, performer and director. Honest reviews and accurate ratings are given.

Cover price is $7.95. It is a full size printed on coated enamel and perfect bound.

For information contact Tim Connelly or John Rowberry at Film World Magazine, 8060 Melrose Ave., L.A., CA 90046; 213-653-8060; FAX 213-655-9452.

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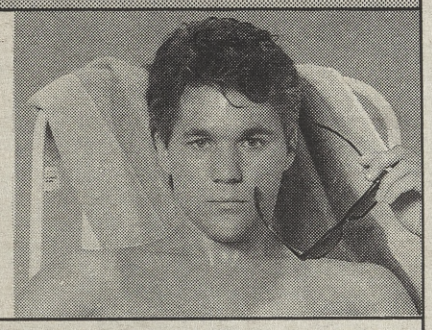

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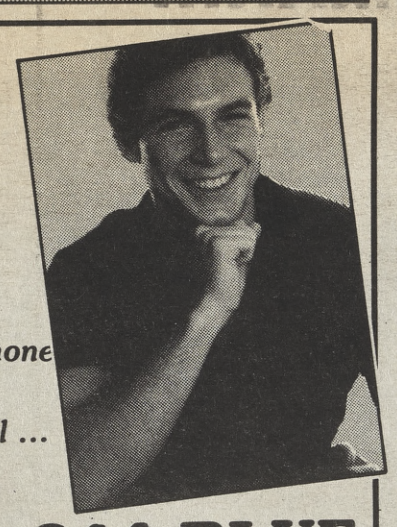

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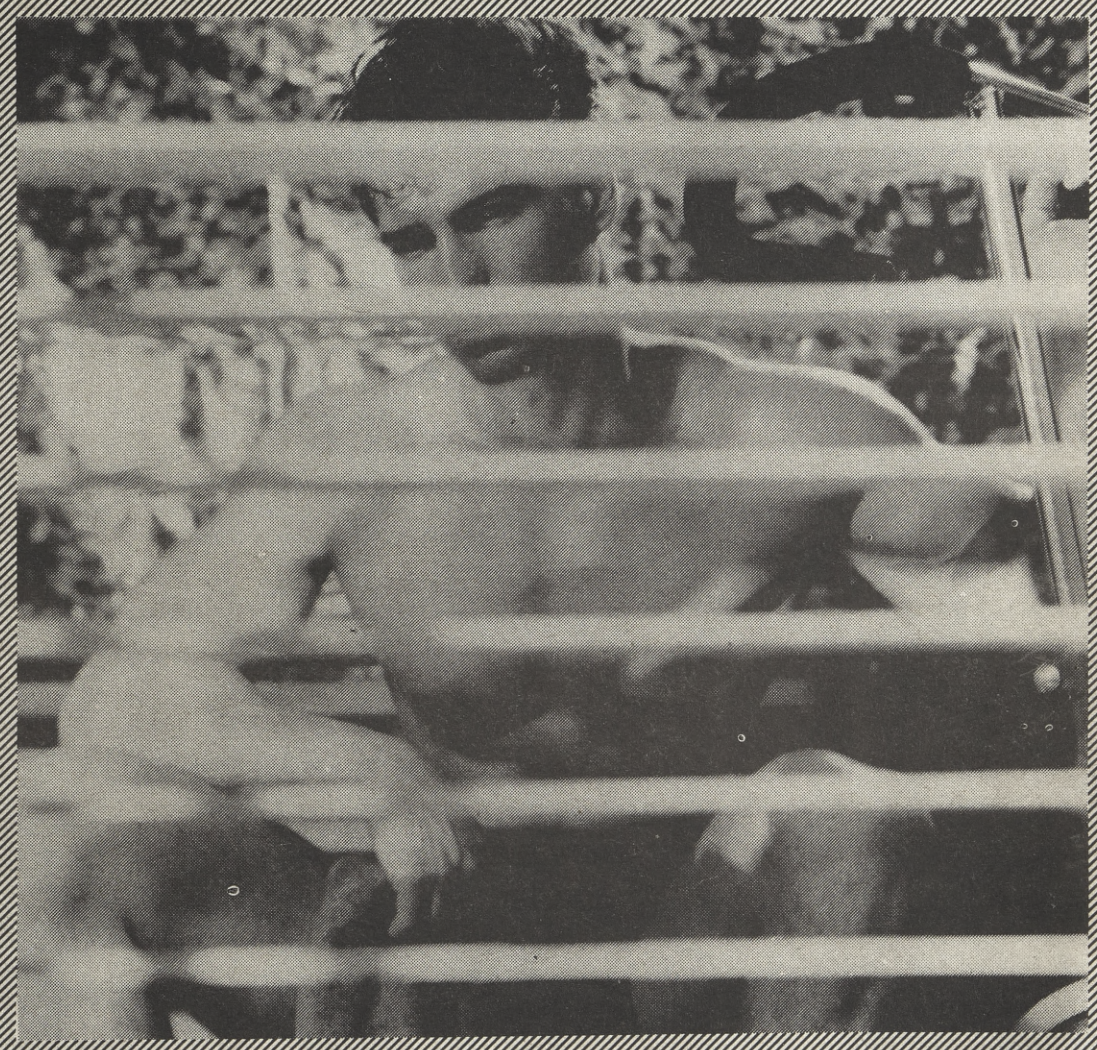

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